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2 REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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4 PUBLIC MEETING

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8 TELEPHONIC
9 February 8, 2022
10 8:34 a.m.

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14 COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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16 Nanci Morris Lyon, Chair
17 Norman Anderson
18 Dan Dunaway
19 Lary Hill
20 William Trefon
21 Richard Wilson

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25 Regional Council Coordinator, Robbin LaVine (Acting)
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 (Telephonic - 2/8/2022)

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5 (Invocation)

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7 (On record)

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9 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, with
10 that I'm going to call the meeting to order at 8:34
11 a.m., on February 8th. Robbin, would you give us a
12 roll call to establish a quorum, please.

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14 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Madame Chair.

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16 William Wassille Trefon, Jr.

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18 MR. TREFON: Here.

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20 MS. LAVINE: Dan Dunaway.

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22 MR. DUNAWAY: Here.

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24 MS. LAVINE: Lary J. Hill.

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26 (No comments)

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28 MS. LAVINE: Lary, are you online.

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30 (No comments)

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32 (Pause)

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34 MS. LAVINE: Tina, are you online?

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36 REPORTER: Tina's on. Hello, I've been
37 on, yes.

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39 MS. LAVINE: Did you hear a funny phone
40 thing?

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42 REPORTER: Yes, I did. I just took the
43 tones off so it doesn't beep through the entire meeting
44 and disrupt, I don't know why that one came on but all
45 I did was take the tones off. So everything's fine and
46 everybody's here and I can hear everybody. So, okay,
47 I'm sorry if that messed anybody up. Go ahead, Robbin.

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49 MS. LAVINE: I'll start with Lary J.

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1 Hill. Lary Hill from Iliamna, have you -- are you on
2 -- are you online?

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4 (No comments)

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6 MS. LAVINE: Nanci, if we -- we can
7 proceed because we do have a -- I do believe we have a
8 quorum but if you'd like, I'll try to reach out to
9 Lary. If you'd like to pause.

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11 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: What I'd
12 like to do is go ahead and proceed with the rest of the
13 roll call and we can come back to him and.....

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15 MS. LAVINE: Uh-huh.

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17 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON:or
18 reach out to him.

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20 MS. LAVINE: Okay. So from the top,
21 William Wasillie Trefon.

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23 MR. TREFON: Here.

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25 MS. LAVINE: Dan O. Dunaway.

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27 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, here.

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29 MS. LAVINE: Norman Anderson.

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31 MR. ANDERSON: I am here.

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33 MS. LAVINE: Richard Wilson.

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35 MR. WILSON: Over here.

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37 MS. LAVINE: And Lary Hill.

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39 (No comments)

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41 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair. Including,
42 yourself, we do have a quorum of five of six seated
43 Council members. Thank you, Madame Chair.

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45 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thanks very
46 much, Robbin, I appreciate that. And, please, reach
47 out to Lary, we need him. We'd love to have him to be
48 able to participate.

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1 I just want to offer a quick welcome to
2 everybody this morning. I was sure hoping we'd be able
3 to meet in person. I feel like we're way more effective
4 when we can meet in person and meaningful as well. We
5 also have better participation, and I'm just -- I'm
6 sorry we're still in this boat but let's just keep
7 hoping and praying next fall we'll be able to meet face
8 to face again. I appreciate you putting your time in
9 on the telephone call like this all day long. And also
10 I want to just say to that end, I just would like to
11 ask if Council members have any time constraints today.
12 I'm just looking at the agenda and thinking that
13 there's a possibility we can finish in a day, and if we
14 go over a little bit, as long as we're not impinging on
15 anybody's prior arrangements, or time, (breaking up) if
16 that happened, and we needed to go a little bit long
17 (breaking up).

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19 MR. TREFON: Nanci, you're breaking up,
20 it sounds like you're in a bubble.

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22 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Well, that's
23 not good. Not a good way to start the day. Thanks for
24 letting me know that Billy. I was just asking all of
25 the Council members -- can everybody hear me better now
26 first of all?

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28 MR. TREFON: Yes.

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30 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. I'm
31 wondering if anybody has any time constraints, looking
32 at the agenda, I think there's a possibility we may be
33 able to finish today but we may go over time a little
34 bit so I don't want to take up any time that's already
35 committed by my Council members. Is anybody going to
36 have a problem if we go long today?

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38 MR. WILSON: I'm good with it. Richard
39 here.

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41 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
42 you, Richard.

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44 MR. TREFON: I'm good, this is Billy.

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46 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay,
47 thanks, Billy.

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49 MR. DUNAWAY: I'm okay, Dan here.

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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay,
2 thanks, Dan. Are you good Norm or are we going to have
3 to be careful.

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5 MR. ANDERSON: Oh, no, let's -- I have
6 a comfortable chair, go ahead.

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8 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Great. I'm
9 glad to hear that. Very good. Then great, I welcome
10 you all and look forward to hearing what you guys have
11 to bring to the table today. I would like to have
12 everybody who's online introduce themselves and,
13 Robbin, if you're available again, I don't know if
14 you've reached out to Lary yet or not, but if you're
15 available, I'm thinking ask folks to introduce
16 themselves agency by agency, that would probably be the
17 most efficient way to do this.

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19 Thank you.

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21 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair, this is
22 Robbin.

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24 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
25 Robbin.

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27 MS. LAVINE: I missed most of what you
28 were saying, I was on the phone with Mr. Hill. He will
29 be joining us shortly. I understand we may be at
30 agenda Item No. 4, welcome and introductions, and I
31 thought I heard you say people would introduce
32 themselves agency by agency.

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34 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Correct.
35 And I'm just asking if you could call out the agencies
36 so that we don't miss anybody.

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38 MS. LAVINE: Excellent. I will begin.

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40 Okay. Bristol Bay Native Association.

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42 (No comments)

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44 MS. LAVINE: Is there anyone online,
45 please.....

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47 MS. ROQUE: Hi, good morning. This
48 is.....

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1 MS. LAVINE:please proceed who's
2 this.

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4 MS. ROQUE: Renee Roque, the
5 Subsistence Outreach Specialist.

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7 MS. LAVINE: Good morning, Renee, thank
8 you.

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10 MS. ROQUE: Good morning.

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12 MR. LARSON: Good morning, this is.....

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14 MS. LAVINE: Anyone else.

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16 MR. LARSON:Cody Larson, the
17 Subsistence Fisheries Scientist. Good morning, Robbin.
18 Madame Chair.

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20 MS. LAVINE: Good morning, Cody.

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22 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Good
23 morning.

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25 MS. LAVINE: Good morning, Cody.

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27 MS. KRITZ: Good morning. This is
28 Heidi Kritz, the Program (Indiscernible) Coordinator.

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30 MS. LAVINE: Good morning, Heidi.
31 Anyone else from BBNA this morning.

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33 (No comments)

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35 MS. LAVINE: Thank you.

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37 Anyone from the Nondalton Tribal
38 Council.

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40 (No comments)

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42 MS. LAVINE: Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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44 MS. PETRIVELLI: Good morning. This is
45 Pat Petrivelli, BIA Subsistence Anthropologist and
46 InterAgency Staff Committee member out of Anchorage.

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48 MS. LAVINE: Good morning, Pat.

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1 Chignik InterTribal Coalition.

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3 (No comments)

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5 MS. LAVINE: Curyung Tribe.

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7 (No comments)

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9 MS. LAVINE: U.S. Fish and Wildlife
10 Service.

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12 MS. KLEIN: Hi, Robbin. This is Jill
13 Klein, Regional Subsistence Coordinator with U.S. Fish
14 and Wildlife Service out of Anchorage.

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16 MS. LAVINE: Good morning, Jill.

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18 MS. KLEIN: Good morning.

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20 MS. ALEXANDER: Good morning
21 everybody.....

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23 MR. : Good morning, Robbin. This.....

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25 MS. ALEXANDER:this is Susan
26 Alexander -- oh.

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28 MR. : Go ahead.

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30 MS. ALEXANDER: Sorry, thanks. This is
31 Susan Alexander, Refuge Manager, Alaska Peninsula and
32 Becharof National Wildlife Refuges. Good morning
33 everyone, thanks.

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35 MS. LAVINE: Good morning, Susan.

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37 MR. GERKEN: Sorry about that Susan.
38 This is John Gerken, Fish and Wildlife in Anchorage
39 here, the Federal in-season manager in the area. Good
40 morning everybody.

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42 MS. ALEXANDER: No worries, John,
43 thanks.

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45 MS. LAVINE: Good morning, John.

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47 MR. MOOS: Hey, good morning. This is
48 Kenton Moos, Refuge Manager for Togiak National
49 Wildlife Refuge. And, Robbin, just for your
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1 information I've got jury duty so I'm only going to be
2 attending here for a short time this morning so if
3 anybody has any questions of me, in particular, I will
4 not be on once I have to leave for jury duty. So thank
5 you.

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7 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Kenton.

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9 MR. ADERMAN: Andy Aderman, Togiak
10 National Wildlife Refuge. Good morning.

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12 MS. LAVINE: Good morning, Andy.

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14 MR. MOSS: Good morning, everyone.
15 Danny Moss, Deputy Refuge Manager, Alaska Peninsula and
16 Becharof National Wildlife Refuge in King Salmon.

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18 MS. LAVINE: Good morning, Danny.

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20 Anyone else from U.S. Fish and Wildlife
21 Service.

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23 (No comments)

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25 MS. LAVINE: U.S. Bureau of Land
26 Management.

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28 MR. HILL: Good morning. This is
29 Council member Lary Hill phoning in. I have a bad cold
30 and I can't talk very much but I can listen.

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32 MR. SEPPI: Good morning, this is Bruce
33 Seppi with Anchorage Field Office, BLM. Copy.

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35 MS. LAVINE: Good morning, Bruce, and,
36 welcome. And, Lary, we're really glad to have you on
37 even if most of it's listening. We hope we're
38 entertaining.

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40 MR. HILL: All right.

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42 (Laughter)

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44 MS. LAVINE: Anyone else from BLM.

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46 MR. SEPPI: Possibly Tom Sparks from
47 our Nome Field Station will be calling in but I don't
48 hear him right now.

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1 MS. LAVINE: All right, thank you,
2 Bruce.

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4 National Park Service.

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6 MS. FLEEK-GREEN: Hello, this is
7 Susanne.....

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9 MS. RUPP: This is Liza.....

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11 MS. FLEEK-GREEN:Fleek Green from
12 Lake Clark National Park and Preserve.

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14 MS. LAVINE: Okay, I heard two people
15 and not enough to know for sure. So I -- is it --
16 well, I would start again, we had two people.

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18 MS. FLEEK-GREEN: Okay, Robbin,
19 I'll.....

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21 MS. LAVINE: Why don't you introduce
22 yourselves again.

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24 MS. FLEEK-GREEN: Thank you. And good
25 morning everyone. This is Susanne Fleek-Green from
26 Lake Clark National Park and Preserve.

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28 MS. LAVINE: Good morning, Susanne.

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30 MS. RUPP: And Liza Rupp, also from
31 Lake Clark National Park and Preserve.

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33 MS. LAVINE: Good morning, Liza.

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35 MS. RUPP: Good.....

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37 MS. LAVINE: Anyone else from the Park
38 Service.

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40 MS. RUPP:morning.

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42 MS. FLOREY: This is Victoria Florey,
43 National Park Service, Regional Office here in
44 Anchorage.

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46 MS. LAVINE: Good morning, Victoria.

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48 MR. PATTERSON: Also Dylan Patterson,
49 National Park Service, Regional Office, Subsistence
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MS. LAVINE: Good morning, Dylan.

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Anyone else from the Park Service.

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(No comments)

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MS. LAVINE: U.S. Forest Service.

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MR. RISDAHL: Good morning, Robbin.

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Madame Chair. Member of the Council. This is Greg

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Risdahl. I'm the Subsistence Program Leader for the

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U.S. Forest Service and the InterAgency Staff Committee

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member. Thank you, much.

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MS. LAVINE: Good morning, Greg.

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Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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MR. JOHNSON: Hi, this is Reed Johnson.

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I'm the Chignik Area Management Biologist.

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MS. LAVINE: Good morning, Reed

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Johnson?

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MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

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MS. LAVINE: Good morning, Reed.

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Welcome.

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MR. BURCH: Good morning, this is Mark

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Burch from the Department of Fish and Game in the

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Palmer Office.

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MS. LAVINE: Good morning, Mark.

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MS. JONES: Hi all. Good morning.

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This is Bronwyn Jones again with Subsistence Division

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in Anchorage.

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MS. LAVINE: Good morning, Bronwyn.

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MR. BORDEN: Good morning. This is Lee

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Borden, Bristol Bay Area Manager for Division of

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Sportfish.

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MS. LAVINE: Good morning, Lee.

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1 MS. SCARBROUGH: Good morning. This is
2 Lisa Scarbrough with the Division of Subsistence.

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4 MS. LAVINE: Good morning, Lisa.

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6 MS. SCARBROUGH: Good morning.

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8 MS. LAVINE: Anyone else from the
9 Alaska Department of Fish and Game.

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11 (No comments)

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13 MS. LAVINE: Office of Subsistence
14 Management.

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16 MS. WESSELS: Good morning, this is
17 Katya.....

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19 MR. LIND: Camai. This is Orville
20 Lind, Native Liaison from the Office of Subsistence
21 Management. Good morning to you, Katya.

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23 MS. WESSELS: Good morning to you.....

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25 MS. LAVINE: Good morning, Orville.

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27 MS. WESSELS:Orville. Yeah, this
28 is Katya Wessels, Council Coordination Division
29 Supervisor with the Office of Subsistence Management.
30 Good morning, everyone.

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32 MS. LAVINE: Good morning, Katya.

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34 MR. STONE: Good morning. This is
35 Jarred Stone, Fisheries Biologist with OSM.

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37 MS. LAVINE: Good morning, Jarred.

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39 Anyone else from the Office of
40 Subsistence Management and -- whose mic is working.

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42 (No comments)

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44 MS. LAVINE: I have got word that
45 George Pappas is with is but he's -- his -- he's in
46 listen only mode at the moment.

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48 All right. How about people from the
49 general public.

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1 (No comments)

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3 MS. LAVINE: If you're on mute, please
4 try again, we are seeing if there's members of the
5 general public who are in attendance.

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7 (No comments)

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9 MS. LAVINE: Okay. And how about other
10 agency or tribal representatives who have joined us in
11 the meeting who have not had a chance to introduce
12 themselves.

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14 MR. GUSSEY: Good morning. This is
15 Walker Gussey with the Bureau of Land Management out of
16 Anchorage.

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18 MS. LAVINE: Good morning, Walker.

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20 Anyone else who has not had a chance to
21 introduce themselves but would like to do so now.

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23 (No comments)

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25 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Madame Chair.

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27 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.
28 I appreciate it very much Robbin. And at this point
29 I'm going to ask Kenton, because he has got time
30 constraints, was there anything that you were to
31 present us today that we need to know about that you
32 haven't already made accommodations for, and then I'll
33 find out if any my Council members have any questions
34 that they would like to address to you before you need
35 to leave us.

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37 MR. MOOS: Yeah, no, Andy Aderman will
38 present the Refuge update. It's just that if there's
39 any questions. I know I've been given a head's up that
40 there's a couple topics that might be of interest to
41 you all so if you have those I'll answer them now but
42 otherwise Andy Aderman will, hopefully, be available
43 too later on.

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45 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
46 you.

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48 MR. MOOS: Thank you.

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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: So Council
2 members, if you have a specific question that they'd
3 like to address to Kenton before he signs off.

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5 MR. DUNAWAY: This is Dan here.

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7 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
8 Dan.

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10 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, there's a couple
11 things. I'm not sure, you know, if this is quite in
12 the place in the meeting to discuss them much and maybe
13 Andy can handle them, but when we get to the agenda
14 part, I've become aware of a new anti-trapping bill for
15 the Refuges, I guess, nationwide, I haven't read it
16 thoroughly. And then being on the Advisory Committee
17 for the Nushagak area, we were kind of wrapped around
18 the axle on the approaching wolves with Sno-Gos and the
19 Board of Game has adopted some language and I guess I'm
20 kind of in the middle of some confusion about that.

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22 But I guess if Kenton's going to be not
23 available later, if there's -- if he could speak to
24 those issues at all or not, I have some materials on
25 the anti-trapping, it's anti-body gripping trap bill
26 and then the positioning of wolves. I'm not quite sure
27 of where we are in the process with our own proposal
28 going to the Federal Subsistence Board on that. Okay.

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30 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
31 you, Dan. Kenton, you have the floor.

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33 MR. MOOS: Sure. Thank you, Madame
34 Chair. Council members. I am aware about the -- of
35 the trapping proposal that is, I believe it's still in
36 committee right now. You know, I definitely have some
37 thoughts about that but I just, I guess, if there's any
38 specific questions I would prefer to go that route.
39 You know, the trapping proposal that would be before --
40 that is being put forth would eliminate, it says body
41 gripping, but in the definitions it does talk about
42 both the conibear body traps, the footholds as well as
43 the snares. So it would essentially eliminate all
44 trapping and snaring on National Wildlife Refuges with
45 the exception of the live box traps.

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47 So obviously I would think that that
48 would be of concern to many subsistence users up here
49 in Alaska and -- and the rights given to trappers
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1 through ANILCA and so forth.

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3 So if there's any specific questions
4 I'll gladly answer them but in general I'm aware of
5 that.

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7 And then as far as the positioning of
8 wolves and wolverines, I know there's several different
9 things going on at once. And I'll actually have to
10 review some of the Board of Game language that has been
11 put forward. I don't believe they have acted on it,
12 but have tabled it to the next meeting so I think that
13 would be very good discussion for you all. And I
14 think, Andy, might be able to cover that later on if
15 you have questions.

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17 So any specific questions for me,
18 otherwise I'll let Andy, later on, if the topic comes
19 up.

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21 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Dan, I
22 think, too, that it might be better first discussed
23 amongst Council members before we throw a snowball at
24 our agencies. But if you have specific questions
25 please go ahead and bring them forth.

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27 MR. DUNAWAY: No, not.....

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29 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair.

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31 MR. DUNAWAY:because it is a --
32 it's going to take some talking. I'm feeling kind of
33 embarrassed and kind of in the middle of adding to the
34 snarl here. But, yeah, that helps. I didn't have
35 quite as many details about trapping, this is helpful
36 to learn. That's all I have for now, thanks.

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38 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
39 you. Had another Council member asking for the floor.

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41 MR. WILSON: Yes, Madame Chair, Rich
42 Wilson.

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44 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
45 Rich.

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47 MR. WILSON: Yeah, he didn't identify
48 what the proposal number was or where we could find it,
49 please.

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1 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair, this is
2 Robbin.

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4 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
5 Robbin.

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7 MS. LAVINE: I might suggest that we
8 add this item to our agenda. I know a number of people
9 on Staff have been doing some background investigation
10 on this issue and if we have a place within the agenda
11 that we can prepare, we might be able to support
12 further discussion once we hit that point in the
13 agenda.

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15 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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17 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yep, I have
18 no problem with that and you have the information,
19 Richard's requested, as far as information on where to
20 find this.

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22 MS. LAVINE: Yeah, I believe, actually
23 Dan Dunaway -- thank you, Madame Chair, and through the
24 Chair. I believe Dan forwarded that bill to us and he
25 may have forwarded it to all of the Council members but
26 I'll make sure that we have that -- the number of the
27 bill reference so that people who are listening can
28 find it and I'll make sure that all our Council members
29 were included in the email from Council Member Dunaway.

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31 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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33 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes, thanks,
34 Robbin. I did not think that everybody was included
35 and I guess that's what I'm asking. I should have been
36 more clear. We do have that information, Richard, and
37 I would definitely entertain it.

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39 Does anybody else have any direct
40 questions for Kenton that he might be able to help them
41 with for their deliberations today.

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43 MS. WESSELS: Madame Chair, this is
44 Katya Wessels.

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46 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
47 Katya.

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49 MS. WESSELS: Yes, thank you. I just
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1 wanted to say that the proposal that we're talking
2 about is Board of Game proposal, it's No. 23. It's
3 available on the Board of Game website. So you can
4 read that proposal there, so Proposal 23. But I would
5 suggest before the Council continues any other
6 deliberations that first the agenda is adopted and the
7 officers are elected, and then if you want to discuss
8 other matters right after that, that would be the best.

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10 Thank you.

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12 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yep, that's
13 where we're going. Anybody else have any direct
14 questions for Kenton.

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16 (No comments)

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18 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay,
19 thanks, Kenton for your time, and appreciate you
20 showing up for us at least this morning.

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22 With that, I'm assuming that everyone's
23 had a chance to review our agenda. Would anybody care
24 to put it on the table.

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26 MR. DUNAWAY: Dan here, move to adopt
27 and I'd like to introduce some changes, but I'll wait
28 for a second.

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30 MR. WILSON: Rich Wilson.....

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32 MR. TREFON: Billy.....

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34 MR. WILSON:seconds.

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36 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. We've
37 got a motion and a second. Discussion. Dan, I'll give
38 the floor to you first.

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40 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, okay. I have a few
41 things I'd like to address. One of them is this anti-
42 trapping bill, at least a discussion on it. And I just
43 tried to send a PDF file of that bill to Richard. I
44 don't have everybody's email. I probably should have
45 sent it to Katya as well, and I'll try to do that in a
46 few minutes.

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48 The other thing, and I'm not quite sure
49 where it fits, but this approaching wolves with a

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1 snowmobile is getting a little snarled up with -- well,
2 language -- just like our caribou, 15 miles an hour and
3 300 yards, and in our recent Advisory Committee meeting
4 here for the Nushagak area, that does not work for our
5 wolf hunters at all. And so I'm not sure, I might need
6 some guidance on where we are in the process with our
7 -- this group's proposal to the Federal Subsistence
8 Board.

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10 I know I supported that very language
11 for this RAC but anyway I'd like to discuss that.

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13 And then if we had a little update on
14 the situation with bycatch. I know Katya's explained
15 that she tried to reach some bycatch people and we
16 don't have anything on that at this meeting. So if we
17 can at least touch bases on the situation there.

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19 Those three items I would like to add
20 to the agenda. Okay.

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22 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: That sounds
23 good, Dan. I'm going to propose that we put the
24 trapping bill under our new business. We can make it
25 Item K. And then old business for our positioning, I
26 guess that'll be No. 1 under old business unless
27 anybody else has a better suggestion.

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29 MS. LAVINE: Humm.

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31 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: As far as
32 the reports that we're not going to get that we would
33 like to, let's leave those for -- let's put those under
34 our reports, perhaps, and I'm going to have this
35 meeting run like in our past meetings as far as we go
36 through our meeting, Dan, we'll add items that we want
37 to add to our report to the Council as well as for
38 upcoming agenda. So let's -- why don't we put those in
39 there. Will that work for you?

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41 MR. DUNAWAY: Sounds good, thank you.

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43 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair, this is
44 Robbin.

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46 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
47 Robbin.

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49 MS. LAVINE: So I think that we may

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1 have and -- and we may have different versions of
2 agendas out there. At our briefing there were a number
3 of items that we may have added to the agenda post
4 sending out our meeting materials to the Council
5 members and those agenda items include -- are included
6 under new business. And I just want to confirm, and it
7 may be that I'm off on this, but if the Council members
8 would please review their agendas and look at Item 11,
9 new business, and see that we have agenda Item A,
10 Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program information
11 update, then we have agenda Item B, we've added an
12 update on the Chignik fisheries by John Gerken.
13 Council members, do you have that in the agendas you
14 have on hand?

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16 MR. WILSON: I do.

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18 MS. LAVINE: Great, thank you.

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20 MR. DUNAWAY: I'm not sure if I do or
21 not here. I wonder if you could shoot me a fresh one,
22 I'm not seeing some of this.

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24 MS. LAVINE: Okay.

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26 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: There's
27 several.....

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29 MS. LAVINE: So we may want to.....

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31 MR. TREFON: Yeah, this is Billy. I got
32 A, but I don't have the one on the Chigniks.

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34 MS. LAVINE: Okay. Madame Chair.
35 Members of the Council. This is Robbin. Just so that
36 we have a note of this on the record, the items that we
37 are adding under new business include agenda -- a new
38 agenda Item B, which would be update on Chignik
39 fisheries. A new agenda Item C, which would be the
40 Chignik Association Report from George Anderson.
41 Agenda Item D is the call for Federal fish and
42 shellfish proposals. And agenda Item E is the call for
43 nonrural determination proposals. F will be review and
44 adopt -- and approve the annual report. G is the
45 Federal Subsistence Board annual report reply process,
46 review and revision. These remaining are things that
47 you should have already in your agenda but they have a
48 new letter number now. H receiving public testimony
49 protocol. I briefing and Council comments on proposed
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1 actions to automate Federal subsistence permits. J
2 briefing on Secretarial regulations, proposing the
3 inclusion of identified submerged lands in the Tongass
4 National Forest. And then, last, K, which will be the
5 newly added anti-trapping bill.

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7 And members of the Council, I will send
8 you an updated -- an updated agenda. And I might also
9 suggest that we add -- oh, that we, you know, make sure
10 that we include the old business, which would be our
11 Federal wildlife proposal 22-40, which is a similar
12 proposal to the recent Board of Game Proposal 23, and
13 both those proposals address the use of snowmachines to
14 position wolves and wolverines.

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16 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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18 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, so
19 does everybody have those notes on that and, Robbin,
20 can you also send -- make sure and resend that agenda
21 out to everybody so they have it.

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23 MS. LAVINE: Yes, thank you.

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25 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.

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27 MS. WESSELS: And, Madame Chair, this
28 is Katya Wessels. And we also need to add the Council
29 Coordinator report after the Chair's report.

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31 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Correct.
32 Good catch. That would be awesome.

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34 MR. GERKEN: Madame Chair, this is John
35 Gerken, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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37 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
38 John.

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40 MR. GERKEN: Yeah, just to clarify the
41 topic, is the -- just preseason forecast for Chignik
42 and then the State manager, Reed Johnson, will also be
43 on the call so we'll field questions from the Council
44 and do our best to fill any gaps on any of the
45 questions you guys have, so, thank you.

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47 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Any other
48 discussion on the agenda.

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1 MS. FLEEK-GREEN: Madame Chair, this
2 is.....

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4 MR. ANDERSON: Madame Chair, this is
5 Norm.

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7 MS. FLEEK-GREEN:Susanne Fleek-
8 Green with the National Park Service.

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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead.

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12 MS. FLEEK-GREEN: Robbin, can you also
13 send that revised agenda to the agency representatives.
14 I don't think we're on the same distribution list as
15 the Council members.

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17 MS. LAVINE: Thank you.

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19 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. I had
20 another Council member, was that you Richard.

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22 MR. ANDERSON: This is Norm.

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24 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Norm. Go
25 ahead, Norm.

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27 MR. ANDERSON: Seeing as this is my
28 first meeting, I'm trying to fathom things as we go
29 through the agenda here. Am I to understand that all
30 the additives and all the agenda items are in reference
31 to Federal subsistence on Federal lands. I see State
32 reports and things here that are not really in our
33 arena for discussion and things. But I'm just curious
34 as to what we're doing.

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36 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Nope, that
37 is correct, Norm. We are a Board that helps makes
38 decision about Federal subsistence in our area,
39 however, there's a lot of crossover with State
40 agencies. A lot of times they share reports and work,
41 especially on our fish and game that we share across
42 the borders. So that is why these agency reports are
43 in here and that's why we -- we count on them to be
44 able to give us the information we need sometimes.

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46 MR. ANDERSON: Okay.

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48 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Anybody
49 else.

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1 (No comments)

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3 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: No further
4 discussion on the agenda then I'll call for the
5 question.

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7 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair, this is
8 Richard.

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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead.

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12 MR. WILSON: I guess I'm looking for
13 that new agenda change there and once I get it then
14 I'll be able to follow along a little better and if not
15 I will just ad lib it, I've got my note paper.

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17 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,
18 Richard. Hopefully everybody will have it as soon as
19 Robbin's had a chance to get it sent off. And we'll
20 allow flexibility today, too, since not everybody
21 received what they needed here in advance. I certainly
22 understand that. It's another one of those problems of
23 not being able to do these things in person and so
24 hopefully our electronics will work today and everybody
25 will be on the same page here shortly.

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27 Anything else on the agenda before we
28 call for the question.

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30 (No comments)

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32 MR. WILSON: Call for question.

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34 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay,
35 question's been called. All in favor of approving the
36 agenda as amended please signify by saying aye.

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38 IN UNISON: Aye.

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40 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. That
41 was passed. And then we're going to go right into our
42 election of officers. Robbin, as soon as you had a
43 chance to get those sent off I'm going to turn the
44 floor over to you to get through the process.

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46 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair. I could --
47 we could begin the elections and then I can send the
48 updated agenda and a couple of more materials, or if we
49 pause, if you give me just about three minutes I can

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1 get them out now.

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3 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Let's give
4 you -- let's take five minutes guys and we're going to
5 be back here at 9:21 and, Robbin, that'll give you some
6 time to concentrate on it.

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8 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Madame Chair.

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10 MR. WILSON: Five minutes, thanks.

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12 (Off record)

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14 (On record)

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16 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yep. We
17 will figure out, I guess, another method to make sure
18 that you have them in front of you so we are all
19 working off of the same paper.

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21 And with that, Robbin, I'm going to
22 hand the floor over to you for elections if that -- if
23 you're ready for that.

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25 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
26 For the record my name is Robbin LaVine and I'm the
27 Subsistence Policy Coordinator and today's DFO for the
28 Bristol Bay Regional Advisory Council here.

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30 In accordance to the Council charter,
31 Council members elect a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary
32 for a one year term and the term usually starts at the
33 beginning of the calendar year.

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35 I would like to open the floor for
36 nominations of the Council's Chair. The nominations do
37 not need to be seconded.

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39 MR. TREFON: Billy, I'll nominate.....

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41 MS. LAVINE: Do I hear any
42 nominations.....

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44 MR. WILSON: Rich here, I nominate
45 Nanci.....

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47 MS. LAVINE:for the Council
48 Chair.

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1 MR. WILSON: I nominate Nanci.

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3 MR. HILL: This is Lary Hill. I'd like
4 to vote for acclimation. I'd like to see everything
5 stay the same as it was.

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7 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Mr. Hill. And
8 being new to Robert's Rules of Order, Council Member
9 Hill has made a motion to nominate by acclimation which
10 would mean that Chair Nanci Morris-Lyon, Vice Chair Dan
11 Dunaway, and Secretary Richard Wilson would remain in
12 their current positions.

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14 MS. WESSELS: Madame Chair, this
15 is.....

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17 MS. LAVINE: I would.....

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19 MS. WESSELS:Katya Wessels.

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21 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair.

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23 MS. LAVINE: Yes. And, actually, I,
24 for the moment, I am Madame Chair. Yes, Katya Wessels,
25 please proceed.

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27 MS. WESSELS: Thank you, Robbin.
28 Council members, you know, the Council was chartered
29 under the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the
30 Council meeting is supposed to be ran under the
31 Robert's Rules of Order. So I would kindly request
32 that the Council just follows the instructions that
33 your current DFO, Robbin LaVine, provides to you and
34 conduct this election in the way that we're supposed to
35 conduct them under the Robert's Rules of Order. And I
36 think I heard a nomination of Nanci and, Robbin, I'll
37 just let you proceed.

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39 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Katya. I also
40 heard a number of Council members nominate Nanci
41 Morris-Lyons to serve as the Council's Chair. So I
42 would ask all in favor say aye.

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44 IN UNISON: Aye.

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46 MS. LAVINE: All opposed, same sign.

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48 REPORTER: Excuse me -- I'm sorry, you
49 can go ahead with your vote.

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1 MS. LAVINE: All opposed.

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3 (No opposing votes)

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5 MS. LAVINE: Then Ms. Nanci Morris-Lyon
6 was erected as -- elected as the Council Chair. And I
7 now pass the gavel back to the Chair. Thank you,
8 Madame Chair.

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10 REPORTER: Okay, Nanci, before you
11 start, this is Tina. So Council members, while you're
12 doing these -- when you make a motion or a second, if
13 you could please, you know, just say your name for me.
14 I know most of your voices but when everybody's talking
15 it's a little bit difficult. So when you make a motion
16 and a second, just give your name so I have the record
17 right. All right, sorry, go ahead, Nanci.

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19 Congrats.

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21 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
22 you, Tina. Would it be helpful to you, should we just
23 do roll call votes too, is that going to be easier for
24 you?

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26 REPORTER: I mean not unless you guys
27 want to do them. Just for the motion and the second.
28 You know, especially if there's like three people
29 making a motion and nobody says their name, just say
30 like, you know, Dan, I move, or this is Dan, I'm
31 seconding, or whoever. If we can remember, that's all.

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33 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. We
34 will follow that advice and make your life easy today,
35 thank you so much.

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37 REPORTER: Thanks.

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39 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: So I'll go
40 ahead and open the floor for Vice Chair.

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42 MR. WILSON: Rich Wilson, Dan Dunaway
43 for Vice Chair.

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45 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Any
46 other motion.

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48 MS. WESSELS: Nanci, this is Katya
49 Wessels. You don't need to have a motion. Dan was

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1 nominated for Vice Chair. We just ask if there are any
2 other nominations for Vice Chair and if there is no
3 other nominations then you say, everybody in favor of
4 Dan Dunaway being the Vice Chair say aye. There does
5 not need to be a motion for any of the elections, it's
6 just you nominate somebody and then a vote.

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8 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: I
9 understand.

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11 MR. ANDERSON: Excuse me, Madame Chair,
12 this is Norm.

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14 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Norm.

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16 MR. ANDERSON: We can speed this up
17 just by going -- voting for status quo, which means
18 everyone who has any office, it looks like we're going
19 through that, be reseated.

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21 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: That is
22 correct but Katya would like us to do this
23 individually. We have a name on the floor for Vice
24 Chair, Dan Dunaway, would anybody else like to put a
25 name forward.

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27 MR. TREFON: This is Billy, I move that
28 nominations be closed.

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30 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,
31 Billy. All.....

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33 MR. WILSON: I second, Rich.....

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35 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON:in
36 favor -- all in favor of Dan please signify by saying
37 aye.

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39 IN UNISON: Aye.

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41 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Those
42 opposed, same sign.

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44 (No opposing votes)

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46 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: All right.
47 That leaves our office of Secretary. The floor is open
48 for nominations.

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1 MR. TREFON: Billy here, I nominate
2 Richard Wilson.

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4 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. All
5 in favor of Richard Wilson for the Secretary position,
6 please signify by saying aye.

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8 IN UNISON: Aye.

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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Opposed,
11 same sign.

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13 (No opposing votes)

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15 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
16 you. Opposed.

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18 (No opposing votes)

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20 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. We'll
21 keep our status quo then. Thanks all of you for your
22 service and I look forward to working with you guys in
23 the coming year.

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25 With that, let's move on to our review
26 of previous meeting minutes. Has everybody had a
27 chance to look at those and would anybody care to put
28 them on the table.

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30 MR. DUNAWAY: This is Dan, I'll move to
31 adopt. I got to get to that page, I think I have some
32 comments I want to make, but to get it on the table I
33 move to adopt.

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35 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. For
36 everybody's information that's Tab -- and do I have a
37 second.

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39 MR. TREFON: Billy here, second.

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41 MR. WILSON: Rich Wilson, second.

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43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.
44 I've got a motion and a second. Dan, I'll turn the
45 floor over to you for your comments.

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47 MR. DUNAWAY: I guess I have to take it
48 back, I'm getting my meetings mixed up. I was reviewing
49 minutes for another meeting that needed a fix but I
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1 didn't mark anything in this one. So too many meetings
2 piled up, so anyway I think it's okay, thank you.

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4 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: That's okay.
5 Any other discussion. Anybody else have any changes or
6 comments they'd like to make on the minutes.

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8 MR. ANDERSON: Madame Chair, this is
9 Norm, excuse me. But I just got my packet on Saturday
10 and I was still shoveling snow and doing work around
11 the house so I haven't had a complete -- I haven't had
12 a chance to review everything on here but somewhere --
13 somewhere I saw something on Tongass, and I understand
14 we're Bristol Bay and I'm just curious as to why we're
15 dealing with Southeast Alaska issues. Was that in the
16 meeting minutes, maybe out of place.

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18 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Oh, yes,
19 absolutely. So that will be clarified as we move down
20 the agenda. It's mostly just an informational item in
21 case in the future we have anything like that occur.
22 For now we're just reviewing last meeting minutes.

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24 MR. ANDERSON: Yes, excuse me.

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26 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: That's fine.
27 Anybody have any other comments or changes.

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29 MS. HOSETH: Madame Chair, this is Gayla
30 Hoseth.

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32 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
33 Gayla.

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35 MS. HOSETH: Hi, good morning
36 everybody.

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38 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Welcome.

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40 MS. HOSETH: I'm here. Just under the
41 attendees for participating by teleconference under
42 BBNA, Renee Roque's last name is spelled R-O-Q-U-E for
43 spelling.

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45 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,
46 Gayla.

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48 REPORTER: Thank you.

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1 MS. HOSETH: Thank you.

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3 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Anybody else
4 have any changes, or comments, grammatical or
5 otherwise.

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7 MR. ANDERSON: Hello, this is George
8 Anderson, Chignik InterTribal Coalition. I wasn't sure
9 if you hear me on the attendee participant list.

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11 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: No, I
12 didn't. I will be happy to add you, thank you for
13 joining us.

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15 MR. ANDERSON: Okay. Much appreciated,
16 good morning.

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18 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Good
19 morning. We'll go ahead and call for the question for
20 the minutes of the October 26th, 27, 20-21 Council
21 meeting with the change of the name spelling, please
22 signify by saying aye.

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24 IN UNISON: Aye.

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26 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Any.....

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28 MR. ANDERSON: I believe that doesn't
29 really take a motion but I'll vote aye.

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31 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yep, thank
32 you.

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34 MR. ANDERSON: This is Norm.

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36 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Opposed,
37 same sign.

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39 (No opposing votes)

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41 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. That
42 was passed. On to No. 8. It's going to be 2021
43 charter Council revisions, who's going to present on
44 that Robbin.

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46 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair, that would
47 be me. So, again, for the record my name is Robbin
48 LaVine, and I'm your DFO for this meeting.

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1 Your Council's 2021 charter can be
2 found under Tab 12 in your Council meeting materials.
3 It's' also posted on the Federal Subsistence Program's
4 website.

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6 All 10 Subsistence Regional Advisory
7 Councils were chartered under the Federal Advisory
8 Committee Act. The Council charters are renewed every
9 two years. Last year the Councils reviewed the
10 charters and proposed some changes. The Federal
11 Subsistence Board supported most of the Council's
12 proposed changes and forwarded its recommendations to
13 the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture for
14 review and approval. Nine Councils requested to add a
15 carryover term clause to all Council charters to avoid
16 temporary vacancies on the Councils that occur between
17 the expiration of the current member terms and the
18 annual set of Secretarial appointments. The
19 Secretaries supported this change request. The clause
20 on carryover terms was added to your charter. It can
21 be found under Section 12, membership and designation.
22 The added language reads:

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24 If appointments for a given year have
25 not yet been announced a member may continue to serve
26 on the Council following the expiration of his or her
27 term until such appointments have been made. Unless
28 reappointed, the member service ends on the day of
29 announcement, even if that member's specific seat
30 remains unfilled.

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32 The Board also supported the North
33 Slope's Council's recommendation to strike out
34 subsection 4(h) and 4(i) of Section 4, description of
35 duties. And that was struck from all Council charters.
36 The Board agreed with the Council's opinion that the
37 language of these subsections was irrelevant to the
38 Council's mission and ANILCA mandates. Those
39 subsections were inserted in the Council's charters
40 during the 2017 charter renewal by the previous
41 Administration. The Executive Orders cited in those
42 subsections were either irrelevant or revoked by the
43 newly issued Executive Order. So the Secretaries
44 approved this change request as well as the Section
45 4(h) and 4(i) and Sections 4(h) and 4(i) were removed.

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47 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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49 MR. HILL: Robbin, this is Lary Hill.
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1 Through the Chair, I have a question.

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3 MS. LAVINE: Yes, Member Hill.

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5 MR. HILL: On the charter description
6 we have Page 2, No. 7, estimated annual operating cost
7 and Staff use. Is that number there \$155,000 including
8 all direct and indirect expenses, does that number
9 remain the same every year?

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11 MS. LAVINE: Humm.

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13 MS. WESSELS: Madame Chair, this is
14 Katya Wessels.

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16 MS. LAVINE: Katya, this is Robbin. I
17 just got a text from Nanci, she's been dropped, she
18 will join us in a moment.

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20 MS. WESSELS: Okay, while she is
21 dropped you can Chair the meeting Robbin. So, Robbin,
22 may I answer the Council member question.

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24 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Katya, please
25 go ahead.

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27 MS. WESSELS: Yes, thank you. Your ask
28 in regarding to the funding that is outlined in the
29 charter. This number doesn't always stay the same. If
30 the Council needs to require this number can be
31 increased, or if the Council needs require this number
32 can be decreased, but the number for Bristol Bay
33 Council remains the same over the last couple of
34 charters at least that I know. You know sometimes
35 there is -- you know, the Council has meetings that
36 are, you know, more expensive, you know, for example
37 that are held in the remote rural communities where
38 it's hard to get to or it requires hiring a charter
39 flight to get all the Council members to that community
40 then a lot of funding can be increased, but, because,
41 you know, the Councils met via teleconference over the
42 last couple of years there was no need to increase
43 funding for any of the Councils. That can change in
44 the future when we start meeting in person again.

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46 So I hope I answered your question.

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48 MR. HILL: This is Lary Hill, thank you
49 for.....

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1 MS. LAVINE: Thank you.

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3 MR. HILL:answering the question.

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5 MS. WESSELS: Thank you.

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7 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Katya. And I
8 believe that, Madame Chair Nanci, is back online.
9 Nanci.

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11 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yep, I am.
12 Do we have any other questions on the charter.

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14 MR. ANDERSON: Excuse me, this is Norm.
15 Dovetailing Lary's question, do we ever get to see the
16 financials for this organization?

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18 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Katya, would
19 you like to field that.

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21 MS. WESSELS: There is actually -- yes,
22 thank you, this is Katya Wessels.

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24 Actually just during the recent Federal
25 Subsistence Board meeting the Office of Subsistence
26 Management provided a budget update for all the funding
27 spent on subsistence in Alaska, not just by the Office
28 of Subsistence Management, but also by other agencies
29 that are members of the Federal Subsistence Board and I
30 believe, and, Robbin, you can correct me if I'm wrong,
31 this information is available on our website as part of
32 the Board meeting materials; is that correct?

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34 MS. LAVINE: Through the Chair, this is
35 Robbin. Yes, that is correct. So if anyone is
36 interested in seeing, I would say the finances and how
37 subsistence is addressed in Alaska, through the Federal
38 Subsistence Management Program, which encompasses
39 multiple agencies and divisions, including the Office
40 of Subsistence Management, you can find that on our
41 website under the Federal Subsistence Board meeting
42 materials and archives. And you would want to look at
43 the meeting materials -- I think actually it was a
44 supplemental material that was uploaded to our website
45 and I see it there now, under the February 1st and 2nd,
46 2022 work session. There is a Program budget overview
47 presentation there. And if anyone from the public and
48 our Council is interested in looking at those numbers
49 you may do so, it is part of public record.

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1 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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3 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.

4 Thank you for that clarification. Good question, guys.

5 Anybody else.

6 1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.

7 Appreciate that update guys. Let's move on to Council

8 reports then. I'm going to start with Council members

9 first. And, this, just for your information, Norm, is

10 where we just kind of go through member by member and

11 get a quick update on any subsistence issues that are

12 going on in communities or successes for that matter.

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14 Richard, I'll go ahead and start with

15 you.

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17 MR. WILSON: Thank you, Madame Chair.

18 Rich Wilson, Naknek. A little bit of a snow blizzard

19 today, kind of chilly. I'm going to leave it rather

20 short.

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22 You know we have viewed a lot of

23 ptarmigan showing up in our area so that's one of the

24 items that we've been looking at.

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26 And I will cut it short. I will have

27 my comments as we continue, thank you.

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29 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yep, thanks,

30 Richard, appreciate it. Dan, would you take us next.

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32 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you, Nanci. And

33 thanks everybody. I got a few things here. It's been

34 quite a winter, it's 18 below this morning at our

35 place.

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37 As far as subsistence concerns, I know

38 a lot of people in the Dillingham area, we're pretty

39 disappointed when Fish and Game did not open a winter

40 moose season for some of the lower parts of 17C. Some

41 people count on that maybe more than I realized. But

42 according to Fish and Game there's just not the moose

43 to support it and there was fairly good success in the

44 fall. Fish and Game says they've hired two wildlife

45 biologists, a lead biologist and then an assistant to

46 be placed in Dillingham. I don't know if you're aware,

47 I think it's getting close to three years we've not had

48 any biologists here or we had one very briefly. We've

49 had two attempts to fill the area biologist position.

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1 One, Lauren, was here for maybe a year and quit, and
2 they hired another guy last year about this time and I
3 don't think he ever really planned to be here, he left
4 by August. So hopefully they have more success.
5 Because some of these items we're struggling with, I
6 think, we have nobody to sit down and talk to here.

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8 Kind of along the same lines -- or not
9 the same lines, but hunting issues. I noted last fall
10 that Curyung had closed their lands in the vicinity of
11 Dillingham to hunting by non-BBNC members, I believe
12 the wording was, and closed it to even berry picking.
13 But around January 1 they announced that they had
14 removed hunting restrictions and after any moose season
15 was over. So that's where we're operating now.

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17 Something we need to keep an eye on and
18 I haven't had a chance to read it yet but the Board of
19 Game adopted predator control on bears for parts of 17
20 in the intensive management. And I think at the last
21 meeting I reported that the Department had found heavy
22 bear predation on moose and caribou calves. So I'm
23 kind of curious how that's going to work out, it's
24 something we might want to mention.

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26 I guess we already touched on wolf
27 positioning, we might address that later.

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29 We were also -- the anti-trapping on
30 the Refuges and looking forward to discussing that.

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32 At the Fish and Game Advisory Committee
33 meeting it sounds like we're going to have a really big
34 salmon run again in the Nushagak area and if I got it
35 right, it looks like they're expecting more fish up the
36 Nushagak than up the Wood River, which is kind of a
37 switch. But it's looking good. I hope it pans out
38 well.

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40 But let's see here, oh, and I'm really
41 hoping that Federal rules in regards to Covid will
42 allow all agencies to get back in the field full-force.
43 It's starting to really hurt to have these rules
44 blocking the field work and hopefully between
45 vaccinations and milder forms of Covid that they can
46 get back and operational.

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48 Also I heard from a couple of people
49 that they're seeing quite a few ptarmigan out there,

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1 like Richard said. And hopefully they are restored to
2 full abundance.

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4 That's all I have at this point, thank
5 you.

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7 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Thank
8 you very much, Dan, I appreciate it. And I neglected
9 to ask if anybody had any questions for Richard or Dan
10 but I'll open it up to both in case anybody does.

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12 (No comments)

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14 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. If
15 nobody has any, Lary, would you care to share.

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17 MR. HILL: Good morning, this is Lary.
18 I don't have a lot to report. I saw more than two
19 ptarmigan already this winter.

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21 (Laughter)

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23 MR. HILL: There's a lot of rabbits and
24 a lot of foxes. Some wolves are hanging about but
25 didn't stay very long. I don't know maybe rumors had
26 that, at least, two moose were killed during the season
27 but our travel conditions were not really good enough
28 to do more hunting than that.

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30 And that's all I have other than it's
31 colder than you know what so that's all.

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33 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Oh, yeah.

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35 (Laughter)

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37 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,
38 Lary, very much. Anybody have any questions for Lary.

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40 (No comments)

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42 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.
43 Billy, would you care to share.

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45 MR. TREFON: Okay. I don't got very
46 much but it's pretty much the same as what Lary was
47 just saying. Like here in Nondalton, I only know of
48 one moose that was got for this winter hunt and that
49 person distributed out as much meat as he can to the
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1 community and a lot of that's got to do with this
2 extreme cold weather. We're having a real shortage of
3 fuel here in the village with not just any fuel, but
4 gasoline. And other than that there ain't too much
5 going on here. And like Lary's saying there's actually
6 lots of rabbits, I mean more rabbits than I've seen in
7 a long time, they're running around all over the place.
8 And I believe it's jackrabbit, or is it the hare, the
9 little guy.

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11 Other than that I don't have anything
12 else other than keeping up on the -- I'd like to hear
13 updates on the moose hunt status law that's going to be
14 changed for the extension of moose, and I always like
15 to hear the update on the Mulchatna caribou.

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17 That's all I got.

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19 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Great.
20 Thank you very much. Any questions for Billy.

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22 (No comments)

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24 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Norm,
25 would you care or would you just as soon pass on this
26 go around.

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28 MR. ANDERSON: I ain't going to pass,
29 heck if I got the opportunity.

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31 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: The floor is
32 yours.

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34 (Laughter)

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36 MR. ANDERSON: I, first of all, would
37 like to extend my appreciation, or welcome, acknowledge
38 the elders here today, tribal members, tribal council
39 members, honored guests. For the benefit of those who
40 don't know me, I'm Norman Anderson from Naknek,
41 presently living in Dillingham. I'm the youngest son
42 of Eddie Anderson from Akutan, Alma Christensen from
43 Ugashik, and as I said previously I was born and raised
44 in Naknek and presently live in Dillingham.

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46 My subsistence activity participation
47 has been since it became an agenda item 40-plus years
48 ago. i've attended summits, conferences, meetings,
49 skull sessions, and I was in one of the first meetings

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1 when the term persistence -- or subsistence became. At
2 that time there was a question on rural preference, and
3 so I've been involved since the early days.

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5 Subsistence on Federal lands have
6 always been a major issue for me to be sure that we're
7 able to provide as the subsistence term states, it's
8 the meager take to provide and I think that is
9 something that we have always done.

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11 I didn't know that we were going to be
12 commenting on State issues since we are a Federal
13 Board, or Council. I concur with what Dan Dunaway said
14 on subsistence fishing in the region. It was odd. I
15 got one king last year and -- but that was a State
16 waters issue. I think a lot of these things have to do
17 with bycatch and things that are happening in Federal
18 waters that I think should be an agenda item that we
19 could address at some particular point in time. I know
20 there's a lot of attention being paid on that.

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22 And so with that I'll just -- I'll cut
23 it short because I'm new here and I'm just here to
24 listen and entertain when I can.

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26 Thank you, very much.

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28 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,
29 very much Norman. I just, again, want to just really
30 thank you for taking a seat on this Board with us. I'm
31 truly looking forward to working with you and totally
32 acknowledge your presence and your capabilities and all
33 the work that you've done thus far even if it has not
34 been in this capacity. I'm really glad to have you on
35 board.

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37 Does anybody have any questions for
38 Norm.

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40 MR. HILL: Nanci, this is Lary. To
41 Norm, or even Richard, how are the smelt running this
42 year?

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44 MR. ANDERSON: Well, I got sent a lot.
45 I haven't been able to make it home yet this year Lary.
46 I've tried several times and weather or other things
47 that are happening have prevented me from going over.
48 But Dale Meyers sent me over about five gallons.

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1 And, Lary, they were good.

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3 (Laughter)

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5 MR. WILSON: Through the Chair, Richard
6 here.

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8 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
9 Richard.

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11 MR. WILSON: Yeah, just to answer that,
12 Lary. Yes, smelting here in the Naknek is good. Has
13 been good ever since freeze-up. And, yeah, we're in
14 good shape here. It's -- they were a lot of variety of
15 sizes and they're still running.

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17 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: It has been
18 non-stop, it's been a very good year.

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20 MR. HILL: All right, thank you.

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22 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: You bet,
23 thank you, Lary. Any other questions.

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25 (No comments)

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27 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Well,
28 with that I'll just give a very brief report since most
29 of my Council members have covered the same area that
30 I'm subsisting in as well. And I have made many of the
31 same notes as well as the fact that a lot of people
32 here in King Salmon, this fall, were able to get
33 caribou for the first time in many, many years. And we
34 were quite grateful to have that taste again this year
35 and hopefully we'll be able to continue to use that
36 resource as well here into the future. I know it's
37 always in question depending on what our herds are
38 doing. But hopefully we'll be able to have some access
39 still.

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41 I've also attended a couple of the
42 Council meetings for the statewide Council, and we had
43 one very recently, going over several of the things
44 that you guys will hear about today. There was nothing
45 major really to report for us -- for our Council off of
46 those. We will be sent out a letter here later on it.
47 I'm sure that we'll be -- our next meeting, I'll do my
48 very best to attend that one as well or make sure that
49 we have somebody from this Council to attend it.

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1 And, with that, then I'm going to hand
2 the floor back over to Robbin again. We're going to
3 have her give us a Council Coordinator report. She's
4 got some information she'd like to share with us and
5 not to steal your thunder or anything, but we are still
6 looking for more Council members, other than Norm. And
7 I know several of you had some people in mind and we
8 have not heard from them yet and so, Robbin, you want
9 to go ahead and take over from there and we'll see what
10 happens.

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12 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair, Rich Wilson.

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14 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Oh, go
15 ahead, Richard.

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17 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair. Just
18 forgive me but I did have one more comment on my -- if
19 I may.

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21 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Please, go
22 ahead.

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24 MR. WILSON: Yes. Guys, last night we
25 had a Naknek/Kvichak Advisory Committee meeting and we
26 had discussion on several topics, you know, and this is
27 a fish cycle. And as you all know on this Council we
28 have had several talks about the -- our kings, you
29 know, the chinook, being lack of and we had a pretty
30 extensive discussion at our AC about this and we
31 actually formed a subcommittee to get some language
32 together to try to address that issue and the bycatch
33 side of things. So, later, this Council may see a
34 letter and looking for support with all of our region
35 areas so that once we go and bring this further, and
36 our representatives will have a bigger voice.

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38 And that's my comment, thank you.

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40 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thanks for
41 bringing that up Richard. I was going to bring it up
42 later when we talked about the other agency reports
43 that we are not seeing -- but now is a perfect time for
44 that and I appreciate everybody paying attention for
45 that one. Because even as Norm has stated, you know,
46 we've got issues that are bigger than some of us and we
47 need to keep those in mind and keep moving forward with
48 them and not just letting them go.

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1 So go ahead, Robbin, I'll go ahead and
2 give you the floor for your report.

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4 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair.

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6 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes.

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8 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, Nanci, this is Dan.
9 Sorry, I have one more comment, too, on my report. We
10 did have some winter moose taken up out of NewStu; I
11 don't know how many, up in the part where it was open.
12 Also the Togiak, 17A area, had a winter moose season.
13 It was extended to accommodate more opportunity to hunt
14 and also there'd been some pretty strong blizzards.
15 And I think there's been a fair number of moose caught
16 but I don't have a number, but I thought I'd add that
17 in.

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19 Thank you and sorry for the
20 interruption. I'm done.

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22 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: It's okay.
23 Anybody else have anything else that crossed their mind
24 as well.

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26 MR. ANDERSON: Madame Chair, this is
27 Norm. To Ralph -- I'm sorry, to Richard. I hope your
28 condensed information will go through your BBEDC rep to
29 their next scheduled meeting. I think the more they
30 hear about it the more they'll pay attention to
31 bycatch.

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33 Thank you.

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35 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Good
36 thought, Norm. Very good thought.

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38 Anybody else.

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40 MR. TREFON: Well, I might as well
41 throw one in there. This is Billy.

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43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yep.

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45 MR. TREFON: Yeah, Nanci, we talked
46 about inviting the ACs -- the Chairs to the ACs to our
47 meetings, did any of them show up or did we make an
48 attempt to get a hold of them because that's where we
49 get a lot of our good information, from about the local
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1 areas, in our entire region.

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3 Thank you.

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5 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Absolutely.

6 Robbin, do you know if they were invited or if we heard
7 from any of them?

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9 MS. LAVINE: Please -- hello, this is
10 Robbin, please ask again.

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12 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Just
13 wondering, Billy.....

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15 MR. TREFON: Yes.

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17 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead.

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19 MR. TREFON: No, go ahead, Nanci.

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21 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Oh, okay.

22 Billy was wondering that we had asked before that we
23 should invite the Chairs from the local ACs to our
24 meetings and we were wondering if those invites went
25 out and if we had any response.

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27 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
28 No, those invites did not go out. And that will be --
29 that can be another thing I'll add to my Coordinator's
30 report. That was something that fell off my radar.

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32 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: That's fine.
33 This is a great segway then into your report unless
34 anybody else has anything else.

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36 (No comments)

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38 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, go
39 ahead, Robbin.

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41 MR. DUNAWAY: This is Dan here. I'm
42 the.....

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44 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Oh, go
45 ahead, Dan.

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47 MR. DUNAWAY: I'm the Secretary for the
48 Nushagak AC and I try to serve that purpose whenever
49 possible. So, anyway, at least we got Nushagak on

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Thank you.

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MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: And I know
Richard's a crossover for us as well down here.

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MR. TREFON: And I am also, this is
Billy.

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MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Oh, good,
that's perfect. Then we've got three of the areas
covered.

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Okay, Robbin, please, go ahead.

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MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
And I am -- thank you for starting us out on, I think,
what might be my most urgent message from my
Coordinator's report. And that is that the Council
application period was open September 17th, 2021, it's
going to close this February 28th of 2022, and
currently we have no new applications.

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So I'm going to pause for just a moment
and I know there's a number of people who are listening
in, people who are residents of the Bristol Bay region,
whether or not you have a day job, whether you are a
member, an interested member of the public, we are
looking for Council members to join this illustrious
crew. There are four vacancies right now on your
Council. And, again, we have yet to receive new
members. I want to let the Council members know that
if you are aware of, or know of any good prospective
applicants you can nominate them by filling out an
application form as long as they concur. If you need
any help filling out the form, if people who are
listening and are interested and you need help filling
out the form please direct them to me and myself and
other Staff at OSM and potentially, and this is the
next thing in line, our new Council Coordinator, we'll
be able to help you, so you don't have to do it on your
own. So once, again, we are really looking for new
Council members to represent your regional expertise
from the Bristol Bay region, we're especially looking
for people from Units 9E, the Unit 9E and communities
of Pilot Point, Port Heiden, all the Chigniks and
Perryville. If you're interested, again, please reach
out to myself and to others here at OSM and we'll help

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1 you fill out those forms.

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3 So that's my topic No. 1.

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5 Topic No. 2. Missing reports and
6 updates. During our last meeting you did ask us to do
7 a number of things. One of them was to reach out to a
8 number of representatives who can help inform you on
9 the bycatch issue. I think last time at our meeting we
10 had Mark Fina and Chris Woodley from the Alaska Seafood
11 Cooperative, Stephanie Madsen of the At Sea Processors
12 Association also presented, and I know you were very
13 interested to invite them back as well as people from
14 the North Pacific Marine Fisheries Management Council.
15 I apologize. We have done some reaching out, but
16 because of a lack of Staff we weren't able to followup
17 on those requests.

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19 So I'm going to transition, I'm going
20 to say I'm sorry.

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22 And then also, woo-hoo, is you will
23 hear in the OSM leadership, LT report, we have just
24 hired three new coordinators. One will be yours. And
25 with a dedicated person to support your Council, we
26 will make sure that these requests are followed through
27 with and we will have these requests on the agenda.

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29 Other things that were missing that I
30 know are new Coordinator will help us with, aside from
31 putting the bycatch issue back on your agenda for the
32 fall, you also requested a letter of gratitude for your
33 long time Council Coordinator who retired last year,
34 Donald Mike. That's still in the works. We haven't
35 done that yet. Our new Coordinator will be here to
36 help. Again, letters to the Chairs of the local ACs,
37 to invite them. Well represented by Dan and Billy,
38 we'll be able to get that accomplished as well when we
39 have that new person online.

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41 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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43 And all who are listening, again, if
44 you have anybody who's interested, please send them to
45 me. We will help, our new Council Coordinator will
46 help with those applications as well.

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48 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, yep,
49 thank you very much Robbin. I appreciate that. And so

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1 that's the bottom line guys. The other issue, too,
2 that I'm going to bring up now because it kind of
3 dovetails with the lack of a Council Coordinator until
4 recently and that is, we're going to be -- I think one
5 of the final things on our agenda today is to pick our
6 dates for next fall, and they've changed the windows a
7 little bit. And they brought to my attention,
8 yesterday, an issue that they're having with us as the
9 Bristol Bay Council, and that is issue is that we tend
10 to be the last meeting in the fall and the first
11 meeting in the spring which is giving the -- our
12 Coordinators a lot of difficulty in getting these
13 requests met in time because of Christmas, all the
14 holidays that fall in between and then we start right
15 up again.....

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17 MS. LAVINE: Humm.

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19 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON:with
20 us. And so with that being said, just kind of roll
21 that around in your mind as we start looking at our
22 dates, I think we -- to my thinking, I think that it's
23 going to be hard for us to give up our later fall dates
24 because of our hunting seasons out here but I think
25 maybe we can start fudging on our spring dates and go a
26 little later into the spring when we pick our dates.
27 So I'm just throwing that out there right now for you
28 guys to think about as it was brought to my attention.
29 And perhaps you don't want to change those dates and
30 then in that case we'll stick with them and just have
31 to remember to be understanding when these kind of
32 issues come on the table for us.

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34 Anybody have any questions for Robbin
35 with her report and request.

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37 MR. ANDERSON: Yeah, Robbin, this is
38 Norm. I'm anticipating going to Port Heiden for my
39 annual visitation down there to the people. I got a
40 Tier II permit this year so I'm going down to get a
41 caribou. But I'll talk to my cousins down there, all
42 the Christensens are pretty active in things that are
43 going on down there and wear many hats otherwise but
44 I'll drop -- I'll plant that seed there and see if any
45 of them are interested. I know a couple that are very
46 outspoken on subsistence issues on Federal lands down
47 there. So I'll ask them.

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49 Thank you.
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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: That would
2 be fantastic.....

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4 MS. LAVINE: Thank you.

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6 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON:Norm,
7 thank you. We've been needing representation from that
8 area for a very long time. Go ahead, Robbin.

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10 MS. LAVINE: I was -- I was just going
11 to say the same thing and before I get too terribly
12 excited, Norm, we've got until February 28th for this
13 next call. But we're asking for people every year. I
14 really hope to see the Bristol Bay Regional Advisory
15 Council full, at fully appointed, but if you can, get
16 on the phone and call them, we're looking to have
17 applications in before the deadline, or by the deadline
18 of February 28th.

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20 Thank you.

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22 MR. ANDERSON: All right.

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24 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: And
25 remember, if they need help with anything just let them
26 let Robbin know and Robbin will help them get paperwork
27 and everything sorted out and filled out. Any other
28 questions or comments.

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30 MR. TREFON: Yeah, Billy here.

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32 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
33 Billy.

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35 MR. TREFON: Hey, Robbin, I was
36 wondering about -- well, actually I did have -- well, I
37 think I still do but there's been a funeral and a young
38 lady passed on and people who were interested probably
39 weren't able to get on a conference here, and I was
40 wondering do the individuals that are interested in
41 this position, do they have to hold a title or would
42 they just be someone who has very strong beliefs in
43 subsistence activities, and the politics.

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45 MS. LAVINE: Through the Chair, this is
46 Robbin. We are looking for representation of your
47 regions expertise, local knowledge, connections,
48 practice. We have so many different people who are
49 Council members. Ideally we will have Council members
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1 that, you know, a Council that has representation from
2 multiple different areas across the region, but also
3 different kind of experiences. So, no, you don't have
4 to have a title. We don't necessarily consider this a
5 -- we don't consider this a political position at all.
6 We are -- we rely on the Council members to keep the
7 Board informed of subsistence, subsistence practice,
8 local knowledge, and conditions on the ground. So you
9 guys are the ones, you are the people that are
10 experiencing this, you have -- you've lived here for
11 some time, you have connections, you're talking about
12 it, and you can keep the Board updated. So that's
13 really what we're looking for. It doesn't matter your
14 age, it doesn't matter your position or title, just
15 that, you know, you're willing to volunteer when we
16 have these meetings twice a year. And, again, we're
17 really, really grateful for your service and we would
18 be grateful to the new people. And, once, again, if
19 there's anyone interested they can call me and I can
20 sit down with them and I can open up an application and
21 I can work with them to fill it out.

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23 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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25 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yep, thank
26 you. Anyone else.

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28 MS. WESSELS: Madame Chair, this is
29 Katya.

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31 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
32 Katya.

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34 MS. WESSELS: Yes, I just also wanted
35 to tell the Council members, like Robbin said, I won't
36 reiterate, you don't need to have a title to serve on
37 the Council. Any subsistence user group
38 representative, if you do subsistence, if you have
39 experience in subsistence, we welcome your application.
40 But I also want to remind the Council that some of the
41 Council members are commercial/sport user group
42 representatives. So if you're representing
43 commercial/sport user groups, you can apply to serve on
44 the Council as well. There can be three seats on your
45 Council occupied by a commercial, sport user group
46 representative. But subsistence, you know, the rest of
47 the seats can be occupied by subsistence
48 representatives and right now there are five -- no, not
49 five, four vacant seats on the Council and by the fall
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1 there will be six vacant seats when the appointment
2 time comes. And right now your region has only one
3 application from the incumbents actually on the
4 Council. There are no new applications and we're
5 really in bad need of applications from the Bristol Bay
6 subsistence region.

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8 So, please, if you know someone, let us
9 know, we can talk to them, we can help them with
10 filling out their application. You know the
11 applications can be emailed, faxed, mailed, it just all
12 needs to happen before February 28th.

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14 Thank you.

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16 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
17 you much. So another good offer of help out there,
18 guys. Anybody else have questions or comments.

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20 MR. ANDERSON: Mine is to Billy. I
21 think customary and traditional use users, Billy, would
22 be a good additive to this since we have forehand
23 knowledge in numbers and takes. And like I've said
24 before, the meager take to sustain, I don't know who
25 ever put in commercial or sport users, recreational use
26 on subsistence since traditionally they're the biggest
27 people who are used to wanton waste on State and
28 Federal lands but that's my own personal issue. But I
29 think customary and traditional use, Billy.

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31 Thank you.

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33 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair, we're
34 getting a little off beat.

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36 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yep, we are.
37 Is everybody good with approaching anybody that they
38 know and making sure that we get them brought into the
39 fold and considering a seat.

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41 (No comments)

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43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, good
44 enough, then let's move on. So this Item No. 10 on our
45 agenda is public and tribal comment on non-agenda
46 items. It's available each morning. Typically when we
47 meet in person we ask folks to turn in a green card, or
48 whichever color they are, and then we call on them.
49 And we are -- since we've gone to these phone meetings
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1 I welcome people requesting the ability to speak on
2 items as we go through them, for comments or
3 information. And I will continue to do that. Does
4 anybody in the public wish to make any comments at this
5 time.

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7 (No comments)

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9 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
10 you. I will keep that opportunity open throughout this
11 meeting and appreciate your participation for those of
12 you that are online and interested in participating.
13 With that, let's go ahead and move on to new business.

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15 I'm going to call on Jarred Stone for a
16 Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program information
17 update.

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19 MR. STONE: Good morning, Madame Chair,
20 and.....

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22 MS. WESSELS: Madame Chair, this is
23 Katya. Sorry, Jarred. Madame Chair, this is Katya.

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25 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Katya, you
26 have the floor.

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28 MS. WESSELS: Yes, I'm sorry. I just
29 want to remind the Council that you added to your new
30 updated agenda the old business and you have the Board
31 of Game Proposal 23 for allowing the snowmachine
32 positioning.

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34 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. I was
35 putting that after.....

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37 MS. WESSELS: For discussion under the
38 old business.

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40 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON:new
41 business but we can go ahead and address that first.
42 Let's go ahead and bring that forward. I believe we
43 have to go to our emails to pull up -- oh, my goodness
44 mine got buried in a lot of emails here -- here we are.

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46 MS. WESSELS: Yes, I.....

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48 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair, this is
49 Robbin.

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1 MS. WESSELS:just -- Madame
2 Chair, this is Katya. I just sent all the materials
3 associated with this agenda item to the Council and to
4 the Bristol Bay contact list that has agencies and
5 tribes on it so everybody should have the materials for
6 this agenda item in their email.

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8 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. I'm
9 finding mine right.....

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11 MS. HOSETH: Madame Chair, this is
12 Gayla.

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14 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON:so --
15 go ahead.

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17 MS. HOSETH: Hi. I sent out the new
18 proposed -- the new proposal, 271, that's going to be
19 brought to the statewide Board of Game. It's in draft
20 format but that's what's on the Board of Game website
21 right now with the new language that is being proposed
22 and it shows the actual different areas that this will
23 affect with that positioning definition if that helps.

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25 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes. 271,
26 was that it?

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28 MS. HOSETH: Yes. I just replied to
29 Katerina's message so you guys should have that in your
30 mailbox as well.

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32 Thank you.

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34 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.
35 Okay. And then I think I'm going to give the floor
36 over to Dan to initiate this discussion because you
37 were an integral part of it yesterday.

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39 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, thank you. I'm
40 kind of pretty embarrassed about this, kind of looking
41 a little two-faced here with my position with the
42 Nushagak Advisory Committee versus what I supported
43 with the RAC here. At the fall meeting I voted to --
44 moved to accept the amended language put forth by, I
45 believe, Fish and Wildlife Service, I'm not 100 percent
46 sure right now, to use the same positioning language
47 that we had adopted, both State and Federal for using
48 snowmachines to approach caribou. And I'm not sure why
49 I didn't see the problems with that last fall but it
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1 became very clear at this recent Nushagak Advisory
2 Committee meeting that approaching wolves and
3 wolverines at no more than 15 miles an hour and must
4 cease at 300 yards just does not work with what the
5 original proponent for using snowmachines to position
6 wolves and wolverines, just wasn't working -- won't
7 work.

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9 Backing up a little bit. A couple
10 years ago some of the trappers here started looking at
11 the regulation books close and discovered that
12 positioning of wolf and wolverine -- they had a
13 proposal to the Board of Game, caribou, wolverine and
14 wolf, they wrote it all into one, the Board of Game
15 split it up and only addressed caribou, which left the
16 wolf and wolverine out of it. So the new proposal to
17 address wolf and wolverine and mainly they were looking
18 at some of the other Game Management Units north 18,
19 22, 23 and 26, I believe it is, who have had a
20 regulation for some time allowing people to use a
21 snowmachine to approach and position a wolverine or
22 wolf to make an ethical shot and harvest them. And we
23 thought the language was all settled, and just we
24 wanted to add Game Management Unit 17 to that rule.
25 Well, it came before this Board -- but I should ask
26 Gayla, or anybody else, correct me if I screw up some
27 of this, anyway we asked this Board of Game to add us
28 in, well, somewhere in the process of this January
29 meeting they got a hold of the language that this RAC
30 and I supported for Federal lands and adopted it at the
31 State. They also broke it out and they want to define
32 positioning, and I believe that's 271, that they want
33 to take before the Board of Game, statewide, here in
34 March. We're all a little dismayed that positioning
35 all of a sudden has not been defined and with this --
36 the actions of the Board here wouldn't really achieve
37 what our wolf hunters want. And I should add that we
38 have intensive management in Game Unit 17 because our
39 caribou herd is down around 12 or 13,000 animals from a
40 peak of somewhere over 200,000. I think possibly over
41 250,000.

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43 Our up river wolf hunters have been
44 incredibly effective on good snow years of keeping the
45 wolf numbers way down. They've harvested anywhere from
46 40 to 80 or maybe even 100 with snowmachines, and I
47 keep wondering if that's why the recent Fish and Game
48 research is focused more on bear predation, that maybe
49 we've managed to reduce the wolf population.
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1 So I'm trying to figure out if we want
2 to reconsider our position on this Federal proposal
3 that we had, 20 -- dang it, I don't have the number
4 handy now.....

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6 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair.

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8 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: 23.

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10 MR. DUNAWAY:in front of me. So
11 anyway I've done a lot of talking, I better stop and
12 let people have questions or discussion. Okay.

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14 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
15 Robbin, did.....

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17 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair, this is
18 Robbin.

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20 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON:you
21 have a -- yes, go ahead.

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23 MS. LAVINE: Yes. Through the Chair.
24 Dan, this proposal has been -- this proposal has been
25 on the agenda first as Wildlife Proposal -- I think it
26 was 20-26, and now Wildlife Proposal 22-40. We're
27 looking for clarity and guidance for the use of a
28 snowmachine to assist in the harvest of wolves and
29 wolverines. As Gayla noted, also to position the use
30 of a snowmachine to position wolves and wolverines.
31 There are a number of different proposals that are
32 moving forward and I'd like to give you a quick update
33 on our Wildlife Proposal 22-40, which will be addressed
34 by the Board this April.

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36 The language that was approved and then
37 improved by your Council helps clarify that the use of
38 a snowmachine to assist in the taking of a wolf or
39 wolverine means that when you -- you can use a
40 snowmachine to approach a wolf or wolverine, but once
41 you hit 300 yards you reduce your speed to at or under
42 15 miles an hour. The older language -- and that was
43 something that Nanci developed in the fall, was that
44 clarity of, to assist in the wolf or wolverine, let's
45 see, we have -- and this is the -- the Bristol Bay
46 Regional Advisory Council added a modification and this
47 is what's going before the Board this April. We went
48 from the standard language that we used for caribou,
49 and so this language is what exists, which is:
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1 A snowmachine may be used to approach
2 within 300 yards of a wolf or wolverine at speeds under
3 15 miles an hour in a manner that does not involve
4 repeated approaches or that causes the animal to run,
5 whether it's caribou or wolf or wolverine.

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7 And a lot of people thought, oh, we
8 need to stop at 300 -- you know, 300 yards. That's
9 what that language says. But that's not what that
10 language says, that language says that once you're
11 within 300 yards you slow down, and you slow down to 15
12 miles an hour, no more than 15 miles an hour and that
13 snowmachine isn't used in a way that's repeated
14 approaches causing the animal to run and that the
15 snowmachine is not used to contact an animal, if you
16 don't hit that animal with your snowmachine. But so
17 many people, I hear, when they are looking at that
18 language before Nanci clarified it, a lot of people
19 they're looking at that language and seeing that --
20 taking the direction that, oh, I must stop at 300 yards
21 and that's not what this language is saying and that's
22 not what this Council approved or supported.

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24 So your Council -- your Council came up
25 with, really, I think a lot -- you know, greater
26 clarity, which is, to assist in the taking of wolf or
27 wolverine means:

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29 A snowmachine may be used to approach a
30 wolf or wolverine but when you are within 300 yards,
31 your speed must be at or under 15 miles an hour. And
32 then additionally, a snowmachine may not be used in a
33 manner that does not involve repeated approaches or
34 that it causes the animal to run and a snowmachine may
35 not be used to contact an animal or to pursue a fleeing
36 animal.

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38 I think that language is a lot more
39 helpful.

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41 So I'm going to pause for a moment.
42 I'm going to ask Dan if that language that I just read
43 that your Council is forwarding to the Board provides
44 greater guidance and clarity. And then we might want
45 to discuss some of the other language that is going to
46 go before both the Board of Game and the Federal
47 Subsistence Board.

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49 Thank you, Madame Chair.
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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,
2 Robbin. Dan.

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4 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, thank you. That's
5 a little bit helpful but we heard loud and clear from a
6 couple of wolf hunters that, you know, if they're
7 within 300 yards these animals are moving fast. I
8 think it's been pretty common that you must go a lot
9 faster because if you get within 300 yards you're not
10 going to be within 300 yards very long if you can only
11 go 15 miles an hour. The one trapper also mentioned
12 that at 300 yards a wolf is a pretty tiny target and
13 they're going to be running and it's hard to make -- he
14 talked about an ethical shot and saying that, you know,
15 shooting wildly at a running wolf at 300 yards is just
16 not good. They do make -- apparently -- I'm not a wolf
17 hunter -- they do make multiple approaches and they do
18 pursue them until they can get them slowed down enough
19 to take a shot. A couple of people have admitted it's
20 really not a pretty sight and it doesn't really line up
21 with a lot of people's experiences in the Lower 48 but
22 it's what works to catch wolves.

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24 They're also -- there was a discussion,
25 some folks were fairly ready to leave wolverine out of
26 this because their higher purpose really is to get
27 wolves and especially to get wolves where they need to
28 be reduced and kept down.

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30 So I don't think, really, that
31 language, it does add some clarity but I don't think
32 it'll be all that satisfactory to the wolf hunters that
33 I heard from. And some still would like to keep the
34 wolverine in. But there's so much fewer of them and
35 they're not as big a threat, I don't think, to caribou.
36 I've heard differing opinions on that as well. Farther
37 up north some people feel they make some impact but --
38 and then there's also what is possible on Federal
39 lands. I mean just politically possible. It may have
40 been partly where I was coming from in supporting that
41 final language. But I did want to make it clear that
42 hearing from those wolf hunters at our AC meeting
43 that.....

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45 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: So, Dan.....

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47 MR. DUNAWAY:slowing down to even
48 15 miles an hour would not be adequate for what they
49 do. And I'll stop.

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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: So, Dan,
2 what is the substitute language that you've come up
3 with, what -- what are -- what solutions are you
4 advocating here today?

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6 MR. DUNAWAY: I forgot to add to that.
7 We formed a subcommittee from the Advisory Committee.
8 We haven't had a chance to meet. We're gathering
9 information and sharing information. The subcommittee
10 includes myself, Gayla Hoseth who's a member of the AC,
11 Todd Fritzie (ph), who is our trapper and one of our
12 wolf hunters is also an AC member, and then we have
13 Frank Woods and Robert Heyano as kind of more public
14 members of our subcommittee. Robert Heyano is a former
15 aerial wolf hunter, I believe, and I'm not sure how
16 much wolf hunting activity Frank is involved with but
17 I'm sure some. And so we are trying to wrestle with
18 the language and also this whole concept of positioning
19 and how to tackle it. And we have -- yeah, we're only
20 in the information gathering stage at this point.
21 Okay.

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23 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.
24 So.....

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26 MR. DUNAWAY: We're supposed to meet
27 February 14th.

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29 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. And
30 so what request are you bringing forward to us today?
31 Are you wanting us to table this, reconsider this, what
32 is your request?

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34 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, that's -- I've been
35 really struggling. Kind of -- and because we aren't as
36 far along with the State part. No. 1, I wanted to let
37 everybody know that the folks in my area don't entirely
38 agree with the language that I supported at the last
39 fall RAC meeting and I think that needs to be conveyed
40 to the Federal Subsistence Board. I -- our timeline,
41 we have to have comments to the Board of Game by the
42 18th of February so we're going to meet the 14th and
43 try to go from there. And there's a variety of
44 approaches we may take and I don't know which one is
45 going to come out on top. But in some ways I don't
46 know if we could ask to vote to reconsider our
47 position. I'm kind of curious what the rest of the RAC
48 feels on this. I wanted to get this information out
49 since I made the motion last fall. Over.
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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Let's
2 start there then. Let's open it up for discussion
3 amongst our RAC members on what your thoughts are. And
4 in the mean time, can I request from either you,
5 Robbin, or, Katya, to find out who the maker of the
6 motion and the second was so that if the decision for
7 reconsideration comes up we are talking to the proper
8 individuals.

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10 So I'll open the floor up for comments
11 first.

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13 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair, Richard
14 Wilson.

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16 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
17 Richard.

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19 MR. WILSON: Okay. Just in open
20 conversation here, or thinking, you know, this is --
21 you know we're at -- we're on a Federal Council and
22 looking at this here and I'm wondering, Dan, if, you
23 know, a lot of that -- some of your reasons behind wolf
24 hunting, you know, by snowmachine, saying that you have
25 to pursue them and within 300 yards and they're at a
26 full gallop and all that. A lot of that, I wonder if we
27 were to separate trying to -- what am I saying here --
28 you know, on Federal lands it's probably different,
29 they see things different than on State lands. We have
30 a predator control program. That maybe if we were to
31 tag this under a predator control kind of thing, maybe
32 some of that language would be more useable. I'm just
33 wondering if that might be an angle that you would want
34 to pursue. What do you think?

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36 MR. DUNAWAY: I seem to recall now that
37 thinking that this could be a somewhat intractable
38 issue to try to keep equal. I know most of the time
39 I've been pretty eager to try to keep the regulations
40 as much as -- as similar as possible so when somebody's
41 out there driving around they aren't having to stop
42 with their GPS every mile to see am I on Federal land
43 or State land. It's pretty clear we get over here on
44 the Togiak Refuge you're mostly on Federal lands, most
45 of the area that's easily reached by Dillingham, you
46 get over near Togiak you've got Native lands that are
47 under State rules and Federal lands that are under
48 Federal rules and up north of Dillingham there's some
49 postage-stamp areas that are Federal lands but a lot
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1 more of its State lands. If we have to go that route
2 and have separate rules I guess I would reluctantly go
3 that way but it might be the only answer. So, anyway,
4 that's why I've often promoted consistency so the poor
5 guy out there on the -- or lady out there on the open
6 land where there's no dotted lines or even solid lines
7 doesn't have to be getting paranoid if they're
8 following the rules or not. Okay.

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10 MR. WILSON: Through the Chair, Rich
11 Wilson again.

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13 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
14 Richard.

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16 MR. WILSON: Yeah, Dan, I hear you
17 there. And, you know, when you were first looking at
18 this proposal, you know, it was the caribou and wolf
19 and wolverine were on the same proposal and this is
20 kind of the way it's come through. But if we could --
21 you know, if it was separated, you know, have that
22 caribou issue being separated from the wolf and
23 wolverine on a different proposal, maybe that would
24 help.

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26 MR. DUNAWAY: Yes, sir, it's definitely
27 --I was just writing up the meeting minutes for our RAC
28 -- or our Advisory Committee last night and several
29 folks said that, you know, caribou hunting is different
30 than wolves and I think the fair chase and not -- not
31 running caribou hard is supported widely while wolves,
32 the angle is more there's -- there's no way you can
33 really hunt them -- I guess -- you know, I know guys
34 that have caught a few wolves by surprise but for the
35 concentrated effort they do they need to go a lot
36 faster than 15 and they need to be able to make some
37 repeated approaches and so on. So, yeah, separate the
38 two. And, again, my sense is it may be way better to
39 even pull wolverine out and just address wolves. Okay.

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41 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: I'm going to
42 jump in here too and just say I'm wanting to consider
43 that as well. I'm the one who will take this to our
44 statewide Council and the thing -- it's going to be
45 easier for me to tell them that we'd like to remove
46 wolf and wolverine and move forward with the caribou
47 rather than drawing them into this headache as well.
48 So, anyway, just keep that in mind as we go through
49 these discussions because this is set to be heard.
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1 So, Richard, did you have anything
2 else.

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4 MR. WILSON: That's all I could think
5 of for the moment here, Nanci. Thanks.

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7 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.

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9 MR. DUNAWAY: Dan here.

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11 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.

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13 MR. DUNAWAY: This is Dan. Yeah,
14 Nanci, I thought the caribou, all of that had been
15 addressed already and this was strictly focused on
16 wolverine and wolf. Am I mistaken there?

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18 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Oh, I'm
19 going back.....

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21 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair, this is
22 Robbin.

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24 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yep, go
25 ahead, Robbin.

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27 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair, this is
28 Robbin. And Dan is correct, caribou has been addressed
29 on Federal public lands in Unit 17 by Wildlife Proposal
30 20-26.

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32 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yep, okay,
33 I'm seeing that now too. I got too.....

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35 MS. LAVINE: With the language.....

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37 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON:many
38 proposals in front of me. They're all running
39 together.

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41 MS. LAVINE: Yeah.

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43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. That
44 makes total sense. And so then we're just talking
45 about for the statewide one. I want to concentrate,
46 today, on the Federal one and what we wish to do to go
47 forward with it because that's where our Council can be
48 effective. So any other Council member comments or
49 discussion.

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1 MR. TREFON: Billy here.

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3 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
4 Billy.

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6 MR. TREFON: Yeah, I was listening to
7 Dan's discussion about the 15 mile an hour. I mean I
8 don't hunt wolves but I do know wolves run pretty
9 doggone fast and if they hear a snowmachine or even
10 something out of place out in the woods they're not
11 going to stick around and wait for you. At 300 yards,
12 they could hear you and before you even realize it
13 they're gone, you may only see tracks. So I think they
14 -- I don't know if they hunt in open country down there
15 but 15 miles an hour to try and sneak up on a wolf is,
16 I would have to say, maybe impossible unless the wind
17 is right. That's just my two cents on that 15 mile an
18 hour at 300 yards, that's a long shot.

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20 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.
21 Anybody else.

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23 MR. ANDERSON: Yeah, this is Norm.
24 This is a healthy discussion but to me hunting wolves
25 and wolverines on a snowmachine is not subsistence that
26 seems to be sportshunting and I don't see where that
27 fits underneath our fiduciary responsibility here. But
28 those are just my thoughts.

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30 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. This
31 is a -- just for informational purposes for you, Norm,
32 this is an issue that has been brought up by our
33 subsistence trappers and hunters that were having about
34 the wolf issues that we have in our area and this is
35 the method that we have come up with to address these.
36 And we have been working on this one for a long time, I
37 don't even know for sure now how many years it's been.
38 And we're doing our best to try and get it right. It
39 isn't for people to just go out and sporthunt them by
40 any means. This is a method for us to keep predator
41 control available to our hunters out there.

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43 MR. ANDERSON: And, again, there are
44 local regional advisory committees that deal with this
45 issue on State lands and corporation lands and so I
46 don't see our involvement as a Federal. We have a duty
47 for subsistence users. And as someone was saying a
48 wolf doesn't know when it's crossing into Federal
49 lands. So I'll probably be able to thin this out over
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1 time but these are just my concerns.

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3 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay,
4 thank.....

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6 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair, this is
7 Robbin.

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9 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON:you.
10 Robbin, go ahead.

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12 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
13 And to Council Member Norman -- Mr. Anderson, I did
14 want to let you know that this Council can discuss all
15 manner of issues that impact your subsistence way of
16 life and this is an opportunity to ensure that you are
17 informed, that you inform us and your -- your -- but as
18 -- as far as your recommendations to the Federal
19 Subsistence Board, this Council has deference on
20 Federal regulations on Federal lands in regards to
21 take. But it doesn't mean that we can't talk about and
22 discuss and inform and have reports on all sorts of
23 issues. We have many different agencies and non-
24 governmental partners out this way so all of it can be
25 part of our discussion and part of a way to increase
26 all of our expertise on these issues.

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28 Thank you, Madame Chair. And thank
29 you, Council Member Anderson.

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31 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.
32 Is.....

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34 MR. TREFON: Yeah, Billy.....

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36 MS. WESSELS: Yeah, Madame Chair, this
37 is Katya.

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39 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
40 Katya.

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42 MS. WESSELS: Yeah, I also wanted to
43 add to what Robbin said. You know I understand what
44 Norman's saying and this is actually, I guess, to some
45 degree it's correct. The Board administers the
46 subsistence take and uses of wildlife on Federal lands
47 and the predator control is not a subsistence use so
48 the Board is not empowered to engage in predator
49 control and cannot direct land managers to engage in
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1 it. The Council may submit a request to Federal land
2 managers for agency's to sponsor predator control in
3 their region if that's allowed, if -- for that agency.
4 The Council may also submit a proposal to the Alaska
5 Board of Game to modify regulations related to the
6 intensive management of big game prey populations. So
7 just kind of the framework that we're working in. And
8 you can discuss it but the Board really has no
9 authority over predator control.

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11 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
12 you for that clarification.

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14 MR. ANDERSON: Yeah, thank you, Katya.
15 That's a formal way of encapsulating what I was talking
16 about. I've been involved with subsistence, been
17 involved in meetings and things back 40 years and so
18 and one of the first things that came up by one of the
19 speakers was that there is a significant difference
20 between State lands and the Federal lands and never the
21 two shall meet when it comes to discussion of tribal
22 issues, Federal issues, et cetera. On State lands,
23 that has its own gamut, it has its own set of rules and
24 own policy makers that are involved with that. When I
25 submitted my input into this to be a Council member
26 that was where I was directing my attention on Federal
27 lands. And like I said before there's a whole other
28 group of people that deal with State issues, on State
29 lands and those are below the Federal gamut that we
30 represent. So your input, Katya, helps me out.

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32 Thank you very much.

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34 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.
35 Okay, I would also like to.....

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37 MR. DUNAWAY: Nanci.

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39 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yep, go
40 ahead.

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42 MR. DUNAWAY: First, though, before I
43 jump ahead, I think I heard Billy trying to talk in
44 there before I did so I'll defer to Billy.

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46 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.
47 Billy.

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49 MR. TREFON: Yeah, I would like to add

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1 to what Norm is trying to get at. I've been involved
2 in this -- well, I grew up in subsistence, and we live
3 a subsistence way of life but growing up and dealing
4 with the politics and what goes on on the Federal level
5 and the State, I think it's important that we look at
6 both sides and see what everybody's doing because a
7 moose or a wolf does not where that border line is and
8 it doesn't really care. So I think it's very important
9 that we share information with one another. I mean,
10 sure, we might not be able to change any laws on State
11 land, but many of us subsistence users use State lands
12 so we have to find out what they're doing. And a good
13 example of State managing hunting, like the proposal I
14 submitted this earlier, about an extension, it was --
15 to me, in my eyes, it was submitted to support the
16 sporthunters and I saw it, if the moose was extended in
17 the beginning that would support the subsistence
18 hunters, so, yes, I do believe we have to keep informed
19 with State, Federal, any agency, commercial, sport, all
20 agencies should be involved with our fish and wildlife
21 because it's our job to make sure it's going to stay
22 there for the next 100 years.

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24 Thank you.

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26 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Dan.

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28 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, thank you. Yeah,
29 and I think -- some history -- I know early on in my
30 career on this RAC wolves were a bigger problem over a
31 wider area and the RAC was pushing very, very hard to
32 -- for the Feds to adopt some predator control. We
33 never got anywhere with it. Taking this tact with
34 these regulations is not -- you know, where I'm talking
35 predator control is more up north of Dillingham, which
36 is more State land, mostly State land, I think, and you
37 have less of a need for that, that I know of, in the
38 Togiak Refuge. Their biologists have done a lot of
39 studies on wolves and so on, the packs aren't really
40 big and to-date, they don't indicate serious impact.
41 But allowing some of this kind of hunting does two
42 things. And it is -- I tend to view it as a
43 subsistence activity as harvesting animals for the fur.
44 I've run into Manokotak people with -- that have caught
45 foxes out hunting whatever's out there, caribou to
46 ptarmigan and they were catching foxes the day I saw
47 him, perhaps, and so on like this. It's probably their
48 -- I think they view it as their subsistence economy.
49 Some of our trappers here, they catch wolves here and
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1 up in NewStu, the same deal, wolves can be worth a fair
2 amount of money to turn into garments or sell it so
3 they can get gas to go hunt caribou, that kind of
4 thing. So I am not inclined to fully separate wolf
5 hunting as a non-subsistence activity and I think you'd
6 meet a lot of resistance up farther north if we were to
7 take that tact.

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9 I'm getting a little wandering here.
10 But I have to recognize that there's less of a predator
11 control interest that I know of on the Federal lands
12 west of Dillingham where I think it's needed up north.

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14 So anyway, I don't -- I was trying to
15 get the feeling of the whole RAC if there's an
16 inclination to withdraw the language we adopted last
17 fall or carry on with it. And I'm hesitant to make a
18 motion to that effect unless I get a sense that more of
19 the RAC is inclined to support changing the wording.
20 Okay.

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22 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
23 you, Dan.

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25 And I'm going to also reach out to our
26 audience and, Gayla Hoseth has been a major part of
27 this movement as well, just to see if you have any
28 updates for us and where you would like to see the RAC
29 go as well just for information.

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31 MS. HOSETH: Thank you, Madame Chair.
32 As I try to gather my thoughts here on this positioning
33 -- this positioning language and positioning proposal.
34 I think we've been working on this for four years and
35 that was originally when we had the caribou, wolf and
36 wolverine and it was really trying to make it easy just
37 to kind of line up with other and different Game
38 Management Unit areas to include these three species in
39 the original proposal and then it got separated out.

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41 I think one of the reasons why we're
42 here today too is from CFR, what is it, 50 CFR 36 that
43 we've heard and learned about at the Federal
44 Subsistence Board meetings and we never thought that
45 this wolf positioning proposal with the use of a
46 snowmachine would create so much attention, I guess,
47 both at the State and Federal level.

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49 So with the language that is being
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1 pushed forward, or what you guys already adopted here
2 at our last -- at our fall RAC meeting, after looking
3 at what's on the State side for pretty much the same
4 proposal, there's going to be a conflict in the
5 regulations. And I know that we have a working group,
6 like Dan stated earlier, and I think that, you know, we
7 didn't have any public input really at that October RAC
8 meeting when it comes to wolf hunting, and everybody is
9 right, like from what we have heard is that 15 miles an
10 hour just isn't going to -- they don't want to be
11 locked into a regulation of 15 miles an hour both on
12 State and/or Federal land. One of the things that was
13 talked about in discussions was really making it --
14 protecting the increase -- protect the -- to protect an
15 increase in moose and caribou populations in order to
16 position wolves with the use of a snowmachine and
17 there's discussion of separating out wolf and wolverine
18 on these proposals. Like I said we're working on it.

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20 So I don't know what the RAC wants to
21 do, if we wanted to -- if you guys wanted to bring it
22 back up with maybe suggested language change as we go
23 through this. If I could just pause for a minute on
24 the Federal side and kind of reiterate on the State
25 side.

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27 So Proposal 23 went to the Central
28 Southwest Board of Game meeting and it had language --
29 was -- allow the use of snowmachine to position wolf or
30 wolverine for harvest in Unit 17. What happened at
31 that Board of Game meeting from what I recall from
32 people stating was the Board then wanted to go back and
33 forth and define positioning. And now we're faced with
34 Proposal 271 on the State regulations that's going to
35 define positioning that took up that language of:

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37 Position means a snowmachine may be
38 used to approach within 300 yards of individual game at
39 speeds under 15 miles per hour.

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41 And that's for all -- all game where
42 use -- where a position is used to position -- I mean a
43 snowmachine is used to position. That affects multiple
44 different Game Management Unit areas and that's where
45 the big attention is coming now on the State-wide
46 level, which all the ACs and the RACs don't know that
47 this is happening on the statewide level, that if the
48 State Board of Game adopts that positioning language is
49 going to have a real big affect on many different users

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1 around the state of Alaska. So this is really turned
2 into a really big issue. There's a -- we have formed a
3 working group with fellow friends that we have across
4 the state of Alaska to look at these positioning
5 language. These people will also be at the Federal
6 Subsistence Board meeting, you know, weighing in
7 because I think that this is going to -- this
8 positioning language has created a lot of attention in
9 at least the last two or three wildlife cycles that
10 we've been at here with the RAC and the Federal
11 Subsistence Board.

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13 So I hope that the information that I
14 shared with you guys here today has been helpful in
15 clarifying where we're at today and it's just very,
16 very complex. And I feel for Norm just coming on, it's
17 something that we've been talking about for a long time
18 here at the RAC and hopefully we can get some clarity
19 here with this language. And it would be nice if it
20 was aligned with the State language. So we're in
21 multiple different working groups trying to define
22 this.

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24 Thank you.

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26 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
27 you, Gayla. Sorry for putting you on the spot I just
28 know that you've been a big part of this since it was
29 brought forward. I think for the best use of our time
30 here today what I would like to hear from our Council
31 members is if they would like to revisit this item
32 and/or pull it off the statewide agenda for the spring
33 or whether they would leave it on as we placed at last
34 fall.

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36 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair.

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38 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes.

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40 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, thank you. I want
41 to thank Gayla for what she said there. One thing from
42 what she said, too, is that, this 271 would not align
43 entirely with the interpretation that Robbin provided
44 us for wolves where she said that for wolves within 300
45 yards we could only approach at 15 miles an hour. So
46 that sets up another kind of confusing conflict.

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48 So one thing that's occurred to me is
49 that in the past the RAC has tended to sit back and
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1 follow the Board of Game, the State's lead on some of
2 these kinds of regulations, not always, but that's been
3 the case. So in order of preference, from my personal
4 perspective, I would prefer to withdraw our comments
5 from and our support of the proposal and ask that we
6 defer until the State take action. That's my first
7 preference. Second preference would be to take up the
8 proposal again and discuss it and possibly revote, that
9 could be a tangle. And at a minimum, I would ask that
10 the discussion we're having right now be added and
11 attached as added commentary on the -- I keep getting
12 this messed up -- 22-40 -- be added to it to convey to
13 the Subsistence -- the Board of Subsistence that it is
14 highly complex, as Gayla says, and that it could have
15 much wider consequences than we anticipated. When the
16 proposal was initiated back for 20 -- in the 2020
17 meeting and then again even this fall.

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19 Thank you.

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21 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Other
22 members.

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24 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair, Rich Wilson.

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26 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
27 Richard.

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29 MR. WILSON: Yeah, I guess I'm more
30 inclined to, you know, perhaps remove this, this most
31 recent language. Because, you know, it doesn't seem to
32 follow what our intent was. So -- and to try to change
33 it, you know, before the Federal meeting might be a bit
34 of a task. So maybe if we would remove it it'd give
35 more time to address this at a later time because
36 you've got these working groups and, you know, like I
37 said we've been at this for awhile and this
38 conversation has already gone on for quite awhile in
39 this meeting and I don't see us making up any new
40 language here to help it out any. I mean you know the
41 working groups are having a hard time with it. So I'd
42 just as soon pull it and work on it later.

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44 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, and,
45 yeah, I -- that also brought to mind and this probably
46 needs to be clarified by either Katya or Robbin, but I
47 don't believe that we can actually talk about or make
48 further decisions on this since it wasn't on our agenda
49 and public noticed so I don't think we can submit
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1 anything different than what we agreed to this fall but
2 I believe we can remove it. And you guys, Katya, or
3 Robbin, can you confirm that that would be where we're
4 at.

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6 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair, this is
7 Robbin.

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9 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead.

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11 MS. LAVINE: Your discussion here can
12 certainly also be provided to the Board when this is
13 taken up in their April meeting. And so while this
14 proposal cannot be pulled from the agenda, you can
15 provide testimony and, Nanci, your attendance at the
16 Board, can represent your Council, and the Council's
17 discussion here. And, in particular, it may be that
18 you might request the Board to defer the proposal and
19 that, you know, you might also suggest that this
20 Council is interested in reexamining language and
21 providing clearer direction on this issue.

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23 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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25 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, yes,
26 thank you. And that's better clarity for me as well as
27 the rest of the Council. But am I correct, we could
28 not offer up something different, and it's too late to
29 add anything additional so it's either what we have
30 with our discussion today or we don't have another
31 option, that is correct, is that not?

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33 MS. LAVINE: Well, you -- you can ask
34 this proposal to be deferred so that the Board does not
35 take action on it at the April meeting until you have
36 more information on hand. You could also ask the Board
37 to take action and to consider the discussion, a
38 summarized version of the discussion that you've had
39 today. So those are two things you could do. You
40 could leave it on.

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42 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: No, no, and
43 I do understand that. I'm just saying we can't bring
44 anything new to the Board, that's my point.

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46 MS. LAVINE: Hum, yes.

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48 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Because the
49 call for proposals has already closed and what we have
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1 on record is what we have on record, correct?

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3 MS. LAVINE: Correct. Thank.....

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5 MS. WESSELS: Madame Chair, when --
6 when.....

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8 MS. LAVINE:you, Madame Chair.

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10 MS. WESSELS: This is Katya. When you
11 ask, bring something new to the Board, what do you
12 specifically mean?

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14 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Well, my
15 suggestion is that we should not spend a lot of our
16 time today debating what new language might be because
17 we cannot bring it to the Board until the next
18 rotation.

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20 MS. WESSELS: Well, I will need to
21 think a little bit about it. Because the proposal was
22 not in front of the Board, you know, that perhaps
23 Council can provide the new language to the Board but
24 let me think about it and I will get back to the
25 Council.

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27 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
28 you.

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30 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair.

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32 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, other
33 Council members, comments or thoughts.

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35 MR. DUNAWAY: Dan here.

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37 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead.

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39 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, thanks. I
40 literally have an email coming in right now from a
41 former -- or maybe still a Trooper up in the Interior
42 that was trying to find out historical practices and
43 it's too much for me to digest right now. But, yeah, at
44 minimum understanding some of the rules of the game
45 here, I can understand -- if it's possible to, at
46 minimum, include our discussion today as a background
47 for the Subsistence Board I'd like to do that -- in
48 fact I'm willing to move that -- or do that, if Katya
49 says that's acceptable.

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1 I believe one of the possible actions
2 that Nushagak Advisory Committee will be requesting the
3 Board of Game is to defer action on this at the State
4 level as well given the widespread ramifications as
5 Gayla talked to, and if we ask them to just not act on
6 it until more information can be gathered and more user
7 groups can be fully informed and considered. Okay.

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9 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.

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11 MS. HOSETH: Madame Chair, this is
12 Gayla. If I could add something.

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14 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead.

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16 MS. HOSETH: Thank you. So the Board
17 of Game is going to be starting on March 4th so they'll
18 have -- they'll make their decision before that April
19 Federal Subsistence Board meeting. But if I could
20 just bring your guys' attention back to your guys' FY21
21 annual report, No. 9, this has been an issue for awhile
22 now. And then so this is something that, you know,
23 must be addressed with the Federal Subsistence Board
24 for ANILCA Title VIII, you know, subsection 8 [sic]
25 that permits the use of snowmobiles for subsistence
26 purposes and specifically in there it says for caribou,
27 wolf and wolverine. So that's something that, you
28 know, we're holding the Federal Subsistence Board
29 accountable is ANILCA, and as we all know that wasn't
30 the case at some past Federal Subsistence Board
31 meetings. So I just wanted to bring that attention to
32 that, that we really want to try to get this whole
33 thing resolved.

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35 And I think, you know, if the Federal
36 Subsistence Board, maybe they'll take action, maybe
37 they won't on this proposal, so just more thoughts.

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39 Thanks.

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41 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: No, and I
42 appreciate that. And, I, you know, tend to agree very
43 strongly that we want to get it right as possible the
44 first time and I certainly would also say that I'd be
45 happy to, you know, bring this to our statewide meeting
46 and, you know, represent it as something that we might
47 urge them to set aside for now and just let them know
48 that, you know, we are working on getting it right.
49 But, again, what is the wishes of the Council, anybody
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1 else, or is there going to be a motion made.

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3 MR. DUNAWAY: I'd like to move that we
4 ask to get the minutes and the discussion we've had
5 here summarized and provided to Nanci to take to the
6 Federal Subsistence Board and request that they delay
7 action on it. Is there a second.

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9 MR. WILSON: Rich Wilson, second.

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11 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Thank
12 you, Richard and Dan. I'll open it up for discussion.

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14 (No comments)

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16 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, good
17 enough.

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19 MR. WILSON: Question.

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21 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Question has
22 been called. All in favor of supporting Dan's motion
23 to have this discussion included to myself and for the
24 statewide Board and urging them to set this aside
25 temporarily please signify by saying aye.

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27 IN UNISON: Aye.

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29 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. All
30 opposed, same sign.

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32 (No opposing comments)

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34 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, motion
35 carries. Thank you, guys, that was a good healthy
36 discussion. Now I've got to find my agenda again.
37 Now, I think does anybody -- do we need a five, 10
38 minute break anybody or do we want to move on.

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40 MR. ANDERSON: 10 minutes.

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42 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair.....

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44 MS. WESSELS: Madame Chair, this is
45 Katya Wessels. We actually have the supervisor of the
46 Wildlife Division of OSM online with us now so she
47 might have a little bit to contribute to the discussion
48 that the Council had regarding to the Federal proposal
49 so I would welcome Lisa Grediagin to talk now if you

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1 would allow this, Madame Chair.

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3 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Absolutely.

4 Go ahead, Lisa.

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6 MR. ANDERSON: Right after.....

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8 MS. GREDIAGIN: Yeah, thank you, Madame
9 Chair, this is Lisa Grediagin, can you hear me okay?

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11 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: I can hear
12 you just fine.

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14 MS. GREDIAGIN: Okay. Yeah, I'm sorry
15 I'm just joining in now. I didn't know the Council was
16 discussing this until Katya messaged me about a minute
17 ago and I just heard you make the motion. And so I
18 apologize for, yeah, coming in late and trying to get
19 up to speed on what the Council's questions are
20 concerning how the State's proposal and their, you
21 know, definition, and action might affect the Federal
22 proposal. Because it sounds like you guys are
23 concerned about the State's Proposal 271 to establish a
24 definition for position.

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26 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, no,
27 I'm going to interject here. I don't think we're
28 concerned about their proposal. What we've realized is
29 the proposal that we've submitted is not the language
30 that we would like to be acted upon and that's where
31 the motion took place and our question about what we
32 can and cannot do since it's already submitted.

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34 MS. GREDIAGIN: Okay. Yeah, I don't
35 want to delay the meeting and, yeah, sorry, I wish I
36 had heard your conversation earlier so I don't know if
37 there's any more lingering questions about the Federal
38 process that I can address or I'll just read the
39 transcripts later.

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41 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: No, I think
42 our biggest question was if we could withdraw a motion
43 that we had made that was already submitted to the
44 Council. Katya indicated that we would not be able to
45 do this. So we decided that we would have me represent
46 the Council and the discussion we've had here today
47 instead to let the Council [sic] know that we would
48 like it deferred and will this be admissible and
49 allowed.

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1 MS. GREDIAGIN: Okay. Yeah, I think,
2 yeah, I guess if you take maybe a five to 10 minute
3 break now it'd be worth -- maybe I'll touch base with
4 Katya and Robbin on this issue.

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6 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Let's
7 go ahead and take a 10 minute break then. Council
8 members let's be back here at 11:24 and we will find
9 out what our new found information is from Lisa.

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11 Thank you.

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13 MS. GREDIAGIN: All right, thank you,
14 Madame Chair.

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16 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yep.

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18 (Off record)

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20 (On record)

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22 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. I'm
23 going to go ahead and call the meeting back to order
24 again and offer the floor to Lisa for any information
25 she can share with us.

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27 (Pause)

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29 MR. HILL: Hey, Nanci, this is Lary,
30 I'm back.

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32 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
33 you, Lary.

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35 (Pause)

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37 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Do we still
38 have everybody else on.

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40 MR. TREFON: Billy here.

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42 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.

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44 MR. WILSON: Rich Wilson here.

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46 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.

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48 MR. ANDERSON: Norm here.

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1 MR. DUNAWAY: Dan here.

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3 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. It
4 sounds like I've got the Council members back. Katya,
5 or Lisa, are you with us.

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7 MS. GREDIAGIN: Hi, Madame Chair, this
8 is Lisa and, you know, we had a good discussion over
9 the break on how to move forward with this. And so our
10 recommendation is, you know, if this proposal WP22-40
11 is on the consensus agenda that, you know, you can
12 request that it be removed during the meeting and then,
13 you know, during the Board meeting as part of the Board
14 process, you know, convey the discussion you had here
15 and, you know, maybe the change in the Bristol Bay
16 Council's position. Because at this point, you know,
17 it's a little too far in the process for it to be
18 officially changed, you know, in the analysis, but it
19 can certainly be discussed during the Board meeting.

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21 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. That
22 sounds good to me. Council, do you have any questions
23 for Lisa.

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25 (No comments)

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27 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Then
28 we will.....

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30 MR. DUNAWAY: Dan here.

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32 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON:move
33 forward with that -- I'm sorry, Dan, did you have
34 something.

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36 MR. DUNAWAY: I'm just curious do we
37 need to make a motion to that effect as described
38 there. Over.

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40 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair, this is
41 Robbin.

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43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
44 Robbin.

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46 MS. LAVINE: I believe that, Dan, you
47 did make a motion. You moved that the Council's
48 discussion on 22-40 be summarized, presented to the
49 Board with the request that the Board defers Wildlife

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1 Proposal 22-40. That's what I have written down and
2 unfortunately I was so distracted, I can't remember if
3 the Board -- or if the Council took action on that
4 motion.

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6 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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8 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Oh, yeah, I
9 can help you with that. We, did, indeed, take action.
10 It was seconded by Richard Wilson. And it was passed.
11 So I would say then that does exactly that, Dan, and we
12 should not need another motion, it's already addressed
13 as asking basically for it to be removed from the
14 consent agenda and discussed at a different level.

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16 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. Well, if that's
17 good, I'm happy. Because I didn't want to -- I knew
18 this could really drag us down and I'd like to make
19 progress on the rest of the topics.

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21 Thank you.

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23 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yep,
24 absolutely. No, I think, we're good to go. Any other
25 questions from anybody.

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27 MS. HOSETH: Madame Chair, this is
28 Gayla, just really quick. I don't know if Cody was
29 going to be able to chime in but he brought to my
30 attention that, you know, whatever the State adopts can
31 be used on Federal lands unless specifically restricted
32 in the Federal Subsistence regulations but if the State
33 adopts language that the trapper could use those State
34 regulations on Federal lands. So not to complex
35 this.....

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37 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Right. And,
38 I don't -- as usual I don't know that we'll necessarily
39 adopt their language because we don't know that we'll
40 like that we adopt, however, at this point I do tend to
41 agree with everybody that we should probably wait on
42 moving forward with this until we have -- whether it's
43 language we create ourselves or language that the State
44 comes up with before we move forward so we make sure we
45 do get it right but thank you for that. I would agree
46 and look forward to seeing if they come up with
47 something that our subsistence users feel like they can
48 use.

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1 MS. HOSETH: Okay, thank you.

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3 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Let's
4 go ahead and move on to our new business then and we'll
5 start with A, Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program
6 information update. Jarred, I believe you're
7 presenting on that.

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9 MR. STONE: Yes, thank you, Madame
10 Chair. Good morning, Madame Chair and members of the
11 Council. For the record my name is Jarred Stone and I
12 am a Fisheries Biologist here with the Office of
13 Subsistence Management. I work here in the Bristol Bay
14 region but also for the Kodiak/Aleutian and the
15 Southcentral regions. I'm also joined today with my
16 colleague, Pippa Kenner, who is an Anthropologist with
17 OSM.

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19 So to begin I'll be providing an update
20 on the Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program. This
21 will be a brief update but please feel free to ask
22 questions as we move along and we'll do our best to
23 help answer them.

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25 For the Fisheries Resource Monitoring
26 Program update, this is not an action item for today,
27 and there are no associated materials for this
28 discussion in your Council meeting books. This is
29 merely an information update.

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31 We are currently in the final stage of
32 the 2022 Monitoring Program funding cycle. The Federal
33 Subsistence Board met in early February and made
34 recommendations about the Monitoring Plan. Once the
35 Office of Subsistence Management has a final budget,
36 the Assistant Regional Director will approve the
37 funding plan and all applicants will be notified of the
38 status of their submissions.

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40 With the 2022 cycle coming to an end,
41 it's time now for the Councils to begin developing
42 priority information needs for the 2024 Fisheries
43 Resource Monitoring Program, which will happen at your
44 next meeting in the fall. We are asking for Council
45 members from both the Kodiak/Aleutian Regional Advisory
46 Council and your Council to volunteer and to meet by
47 telephone this summer to identify knowledge gaps and
48 information needed for the management of the
49 subsistence fisheries for the Southwest region. The
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1 draft list of priority information needs will then be
2 presented to the Councils for their final approval
3 during their fall 2022 meeting.

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5 This concludes my presentation
6 regarding the Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program.
7 Are there any questions or perhaps volunteers who would
8 like to sign up and help draft the priority information
9 needs for the fall 2022 meeting. I believe the last
10 cycle we had Council Member Dan Dunaway as a volunteer
11 for this and then I believe that was it for this
12 Council. If anyone else would like to sign up I would
13 be glad to take names and then I'll work with you to
14 coordinate time this summer that we can all get
15 together.

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17 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Thank
18 you very much Jarred. So, Norm, for your benefit this
19 will determine projects that we would like to have done
20 in the area for information, whether it be lack of
21 kinds in the area and studying those on Federal lands,
22 or ptarmigan, any -- or excuse me, this is specifically
23 fisheries, so any fisheries issues that we would like
24 to address on Federal lands. It doesn't necessarily
25 mean that these projects will be taken up, but they are
26 the things that we can identify in our area as specific
27 needs. And that being said, do I have one or two
28 volunteers from our committee that would be willing to
29 sign up for this with Jarred.

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31 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, since I don't have
32 a job I'm willing to give it a try. I also am friends,
33 I guess, with some of the representatives from the
34 Kodiak/Aleutians RAC. But I certainly would encourage
35 other people. The last time the Kodiak/Aleutians were
36 faced with some horrible salmon failures, Chignik still
37 remains in that category so I had a tendency to defer
38 to more -- to the Kodiak/Aleutians, partly they have
39 more project ideas, so for lack of competing ideas, I
40 kind of mostly supported them, but, yeah, I would love
41 to have some company on there too.

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43 Thank you.

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45 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,
46 Dan. I appreciate you volunteering again. Anybody else
47 willing to join Dan.

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49 (No comments)
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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: I know
2 summer can be.....

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4 MR. WILSON: Rich here.

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6 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead.

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8 MR. WILSON: Yeah, so we'll have a
9 chance to formalize, add to the list from Dan and
10 others at the next meeting, correct?

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12 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: That is
13 correct. We will review what they've come up with and
14 then we prioritize, is that not correct, Jarred?

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16 MR. STONE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
17 You won't necessarily prioritize the PINS, you'll come
18 up with a list of PINS that are -- I keep saying PINS,
19 for reference those are the priority information needs.
20 You'll come up with a list of these priority
21 information needs and they necessarily won't be
22 prioritized, per se, but they will be a list that will
23 go forward and be announced on our notice of funding
24 opportunity which perspective investigators would look
25 at and consider applying for funding to research those
26 questions.

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28 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
29 you. Thank you for correcting me on that. So, yes,
30 Richard, we would be able to add items to this if we
31 saw additional needs or thought of additional things
32 that should be added.

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34 MR. WILSON: Thank you.

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36 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Uh-huh.
37 Well, I'll leave you with Dan's name for certain and
38 then if anybody finds that they are able to join in
39 this conversation I would encourage you to do so. And
40 can we just leave it open like that, Jarred, so that if
41 somebody finds that they do have time this summer and
42 want to participate they can?

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44 MR. STONE: Yes, thank you, Madame
45 Chair. Absolutely. And the date will be flexible.
46 Generally it will take maybe a couple of hours, at the
47 very most, to come up with a draft list and anyone
48 that's willing to join us for that, I'll probably send
49 out an email or some kind of announcement to you all
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1 just affording you one more opportunity to join if
2 you'd like.

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4 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: I think that
5 would be really helpful because I know if by chance I
6 have an opportunity to do so I will. If you could just
7 -- when the group decides when they're going to meet,
8 if you could just send out an email blast to us to let
9 us know and tell us how and when we can join the
10 meeting, I think that would be helpful.

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12 MR. STONE: Will do, thank you.

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14 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.
15 Thanks for helping us to keep that on our radar. Okay,
16 then let's move on here to Item B under our new agenda,
17 preseason forecast on Chignik Fisheries. John.

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19 MR. GERKEN: Good morning -- I think
20 we're still in morning. Council. Yeah, my goal today
21 -- well, I guess first off my name's John Gerken. I'm
22 with the Fish and Wildlife Service, I'm the in-season
23 Federal manager for the Chignik area. And my goal
24 today is just to give a preseason outlook for those
25 Chignik fisheries. I'll be joined on the line here
26 with Reed Johnson, he's the ADF&G Chignik area manager
27 so he'll provide some context on the upcoming out look.

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29 Specific to the Fish and Wildlife
30 Service and Federal management, we don't have any
31 assessment projects in the Chignik area so the majority
32 of our assessment is based on the count at the weir
33 and, you know, additional discussions with local
34 subsistence users in the five communities down there.
35 We'll hear from George Anderson later on some of those
36 contexts and some of those inputs.

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38 But just putting some things in
39 context, you know, since 2018 we, the Fish and Wildlife
40 Service, myself, has implemented special actions to, I
41 guess, restrict the early run to Federally-qualified
42 users only and those restrictions have been in place
43 because of the low returns for early run sockeye.
44 Those are typically always done in communication with
45 the Department and then also communication with Chignik
46 Lake, Chignik Bay, Chignik Lagoon, Ivanof and those
47 communities in that area. We've also had some
48 restrictions that have been, I guess, a collaborative
49 or restriction specific to chinook and those have

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1 occurred since 2017, minus 2019, but have been
2 implemented the last couple of years and those have
3 been restriction on any harvest or take of chinook in
4 the Federal waters, which are nearly all or are all on
5 freshwater within the Chignik area.

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7 I think it's probably a good point to
8 maybe have Reed chime in here. Like I said the
9 Department does all of the assessments and monitoring
10 in the Chignik area and they're the ones that put out
11 the preseason forecast so maybe I'll cue Reed here and
12 then have him chime in with the forecast that the
13 Department has for sockeye as well as chinook.

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15 MR. JOHNSON: Good morning. My name is
16 Reed Johnson, I'm the Chignik area Manager and
17 Biologist.

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19 The 2022 forecast for the Chignik River
20 watershed is about 1.3 million total sockeye salmon
21 combined for both early run and for late run. The
22 forecast is made up of about 639,000 sockeye salmon
23 expected to return for the early run and 633,000 fish
24 are expected to return for the late run. Last year the
25 early run escapement was 244,000 fish -- for the early
26 run, and 396,000 fish returned for the late run. The
27 early run did not meet its escapement last year and as
28 everybody knows we have had trouble meeting escapement
29 for the early run of Chignik River.

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31 Management in-season is going to be
32 based off of escapement past the Chignik River weir.
33 We expect that to be installed sometime the last week
34 of May or the first week of June. And we will be
35 having a preseason meeting the week of May 30th, the
36 exact date is not yet set but an announcement will be
37 made around mid-May as to the exact date.

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39 And I'll turn this back over to John.

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41 MR. GERKEN: Yeah, thanks Reed. Yeah,
42 I guess, you know, the other thing I'll say just on the
43 Federal side is we have attempted to get down there a
44 number of times. I mean we've heard about Covid making
45 some impacts and so we'll be sensitive to those. There
46 has been different restrictions, dependent upon which
47 village you're going to in the Chignik area and so
48 we'll work with the local administrators and everybody
49 else to get down there. Like Reed said there's
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1 typically an ADF&G stakeholder meeting where we
2 communicate with the local users, the Fish and Wildlife
3 Service, in partnership with OSM and BBNA in the past
4 have also had a number of preseason meetings, and then
5 Chignik Regional Aquaculture has typically also had a
6 March, mid-March date typically for a preseason
7 meeting. So we do intend to be present in all of those
8 and start hearing about different concerns and
9 certainly talk about different options for Federal
10 management that may occur dependent upon how the run
11 progresses this year.

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13 So I don't have anything else, Madame
14 Chair, we're definitely open for questions and let us
15 know how we can provide any additional insight.

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17 Thank you.

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19 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, thank
20 you, John, very much. This has definitely been an
21 issue that we've been watching very carefully for the
22 last several years and I know we've been frustrated in
23 not getting some of the studies that we would like to
24 see happen for that area so we appreciate your time
25 here.

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27 Questions. Council members.

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29 MR. ANDERSON: Yeah, Madame Chair, this
30 is Norm. You stated that Federal waters encompass most
31 of the Chigniks. I was under the understanding that
32 Federal waters are three miles out or is that just on
33 the Bering Sea side?

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35 MR. GERKEN: There are waters that are
36 three miles out. Those typically fall under the
37 jurisdiction of the National Marine Fisheries Service,
38 so typically outside of my Federal jurisdiction. So in
39 Chignik and all areas do differ, but in Chignik, the
40 Federal waters are restricted to the freshwater part of
41 the drainage.

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43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: And, Norm,
44 those are the waters that we focus on, are those
45 freshwaters within our, you know, whatever type of land
46 it is, if it's Fish and Wildlife, Department of
47 Interior, Forest Service, any of those, those are the
48 ones that we address.

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1 MR. ANDERSON: Yeah, yeah, I don't need
2 clarification on that, I just, I guess I missed the
3 freshwater part of it.

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5 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.
6 Questions, anybody.

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8 (No comments)

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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, John,
11 I appreciate you and Reed both coming this morning and
12 letting us know what we hope to expect in Chignik next
13 season and we can only hope for improvement.

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15 Next, let's go to the Chignik
16 Association report, George Anderson.

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18 MR. ANDERSON: Hello, Madame Chair, can
19 you hear me all right.

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21 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: I can.

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23 MR. ANDERSON: Okay, thank you. And
24 thank you for that. I do have a report here, I'll keep
25 it brief since Reed and John covered a lot of it and I
26 will submit written comments and then I also will have
27 public -- my own testimony but I might have to save
28 that for tomorrow morning. That'll be up to your
29 discretion. So anyways, George Anderson, Chignik
30 InterTribal Coalition speaking on behalf of Chignik
31 Lagoon, Chignik Bay, Chignik Lake, Perryville and
32 Ivanof Bay.

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34 With the abundance of chinook and
35 sockeye subsistence resources diminishing in the area
36 over the last four years (indiscernible - cutting out)
37 the restrictions in '18, '19, '20 and again in '21 on
38 several public waters in the river drainage for these
39 subsistence harvest of chinook and sockeye, we're
40 requesting a formal stock assessment, research recovery
41 plans for those species to support the conservation of
42 a healthy population and the continuation of
43 subsistence harvest opportunity in our area.

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45 I know we had some work set aside in
46 the FRMP, I haven't heard from anybody on that but I --
47 you know if that is approved, I don't want that scope
48 of work to conflict with the formal stock assessment
49 and the recovery plan so two separate asks of projects

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4 I also want to share that the Chignik
5 InterTribal Coalition is participating this winter in
6 Department of Interior's listening sessions, which we
7 feel is very important. They're using a government to
8 government consulting. I think our tribes feel listened
9 to. The absence of participation today and in those
10 listening sessions is due to connectivity. We have
11 horrible cellular service. We have no land lines here
12 and internet is spotty and I believe this is having a
13 negative effect on participation and I just wanted to
14 note that between that and the Covid restrictions,
15 getting into the communities, and also our community
16 members getting out to meetings and networking with
17 people has really had negative effects on our folks
18 getting their voice out. So fortunately I'm located in
19 Anchorage where I can call in to this but I tell you
20 I've been disconnected up to 20 times in over an hour
21 long call while I was home in Chignik Lagoon. So just
22 because the folks aren't in attendance doesn't mean
23 they don't have concerns and we just need to help them
24 get their voices out. The people who have not given up
25 on the public process would like to participate, so I
26 would just like to point that.

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Yeah, also some observations that I've
had over the winter talking with some folks here, I'm
going to talk about red fish for a minute. You know
the folks we interviewed for BIA tribal resiliency
grants, the folks in Chignik Lake had some reports on
red fish. They're finding more, I don't know if it's
competition, more participation from our surrounding
villages on these red fish now. I haven't been able to
substantiate this. And another claim they have is
they're starting to notice coho showing up on Hatchery
Beach which is a known red fish sockeye harvesting
area. And, again, I just got this report like two
weeks ago and haven't got to substantiate but I felt
that it was important to bring it up to you folks. So
I'm not even going to guess why that is.

Anyways, also wanted to point out our
in-river goal, I believe, for this last year I think
was satisfied. I think it's 20,000 for August, goal,
and maybe Reed could substantiate that. But I believe
that in-river goal for sockeye was met.

Thank you for the time to share and I

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1 will get written comments in. Thank you for being able
2 to participate.

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4 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,
5 very much, George, and we really appreciate your time
6 and your participation in this meeting. And once my
7 Council members have had a chance to ask questions
8 and/or read to confirm that your in-river goal was met,
9 which would be some of the first good news we've heard
10 in a long time for you folks down there in the Chigs, I
11 would entertain hearing your public testimony. So
12 first, Reed, can you clarify about the in-river goal.

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14 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, the in-river run
15 goal was met. Off the top of my head I don't have
16 exact numbers, I want to say that after the weir came
17 out on -- August 16th the weir came out, so August 17th
18 is when we did our post-weir estimate, I want to say it
19 was 154,000 fish that we estimated -- or 54,000 fish
20 that we estimated passed the weir after August 17th,
21 didn't meet the in-river run goal for August and it did
22 meet the in-river run goal for September.

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24 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.
25 And, Council members, do you have questions for George.

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27 MR. ANDERSON: Yeah, Madame Chair, this
28 is Norm. First of all, I'll say George and I are not
29 related. But over the years I've had -- sorry to see
30 that Boris Kosbruk is no longer with us, but we had
31 several conversations about this in Port Heiden with,
32 and, again, sorry he's not with us, but John
33 Christensen, and I didn't really know where they were
34 talking about until I had the opportunity to visit
35 Perryville and then to look around some of the areas
36 down there. And there was a time where the fishermen
37 down there were very honorable and until we started
38 seeing a decrease in take so subsistence activity and
39 commercial activity down there was something that was
40 addressed in the regional visions project that I was
41 the program manager on with BBNA and with all the BBs
42 and when we went to the Chigniks we heard these things
43 echoed. And I'm sorry to hear that these things are
44 ongoing as much as many of the subsistence activities
45 throughout the Bristol Bay region.

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47 So, George, thank you for your report
48 and good to hear you guys are still fighting for it
49 down there.

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1 Thank you.

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3 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, thank
4 you. Thank you, Norm. Other Council members.

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6 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair.

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8 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
9 Richard.

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11 MR. DUNAWAY: No, this is Dan.

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13 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Oh, sorry.

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15 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, I was just
16 wondering if I could ask Reed to forward us a summary.
17 He buzzed through his information faster than I could
18 write down. It's pretty interesting, especially, I
19 realize I don't know how the counting works especially
20 late fall or after the weir's out. If I could -- maybe
21 I'll just email you, Reed, I can find you, I think, and
22 see if you could forward something to me. Okay.

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24 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Or if other
25 Council members are interested, Dan, I'm sure that he
26 could send his information directly to Paula [sic] and
27 Paula can forward it to all of us as well.

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29 MR. JOHNSON: Hi, this is Reed, yeah,
30 we do have a memo that we drafted with the post-weir
31 estimate and I can send that out to interested parties
32 after this meeting.

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34 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,
35 Reed, that would be helpful if you'll get it to Robbin.
36 Robbin, would it be okay for you to forward it to
37 everybody.

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39 MS. LAVINE: Absolutely.

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41 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.

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43 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Madame Chair.

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45 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Any other
46 questions.

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48 (No comments)

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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.

2 George, your public testimony we'd be happy to hear
3 that.

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5 MR. ANDERSON: Oh, sure, okay, thank
6 you much, appreciate it Madame Chair.

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8 Yeah, I just wanted to add, you know,
9 I've been working for this coalition, too, and a lot of
10 observations and, personally, I've noticed over the
11 last few years diminishing, you know, take for
12 subsistence. You know in Chignik, we'd rather see the
13 fish escape than go out and subsist for them, you know,
14 especially when we have low numbers of early run
15 escapement. In 2020 I think we only had 137,000 fish
16 escape the weir and this last year being probably the
17 second lowest on record of 244 on record, our folks
18 just would rather see them escape than catch them.
19 Personally, my take on chinook and sockeye, you know,
20 has not been much.

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22 You know starting to see a break down
23 in trading, you know, we used to trade with a lot of
24 folks in Port Heiden, you know, for their meat and we'd
25 send clams. We don't have that anymore, king salmon.
26 And I have some friends in Kodiak I used to trade for
27 elk and deer with my king and smoked salmon. We --
28 those -- and also shrimp out of Whittier. So anyhow
29 these -- so I probably shouldn't be talking about it
30 but this barter system or trade system is kind of
31 eroding and so -- we're not the only ones, I have a lot
32 of friends, but I don't speak for them, but I just want
33 to say it's having a negative impact on our economy as
34 far as bartering and trading. I'm not sure if I should
35 even be talking about it but I thought I'd mention it.

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37 But, yeah, our -- you know we have, in
38 Chignik Lagoon there, that have (indiscernible) come
39 down, you know, they winter in the valley and they
40 usually go home in summertime and get their winter
41 stash and this is the first year that he's admitted to
42 me that he could not get what his family needed this
43 year. And it's really sad, too, because he is a hard
44 working man. He just doesn't give up.

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46 So anyway I just wanted to add a little
47 bit of my personal public testimony in here. I sure
48 appreciate being able to share and thank you guys.

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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: No, thank
2 you, very much, George. We certainly appreciate that
3 and you're welcome to share and feel free to talk about
4 trade and barter. We recognize it as a subsistence use
5 and certainly acknowledge it for our area.

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7 Anybody. Questions for George.

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9 MR. ANDERSON: So on his.....

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11 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair, this is
12 Robbin.

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14 MR. ANDERSON:on his comment.....

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16 MS. LAVINE: Hold on, Madame Chair,
17 this is Robbin.

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19 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes, go
20 ahead, Robbin.

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22 MS. LAVINE: For all of you who are
23 listening, we can hear a lot of background noise,
24 dishes and the like, please check and see that your
25 phone is muted and we request that you remain in mute
26 unless you're going to speak.

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28 REPORTER: Thank you.

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30 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you, I
31 appreciate that Robbin.

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33 Anybody, questions or comments for
34 George.

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36 MR. ANDERSON: As I was saying, this is
37 Norm. You can feel free, George, to talk about barter
38 and trade, that is under customary and traditional use
39 of a resource and I do it actively, like I said with
40 Boris. I've sent things down and I'd get bidarkis and
41 clams and candlefish and so we had a good trading
42 system going on for many years. But it brings back
43 memories.

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45 Thank you, George.

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47 MR. ANDERSON: Thank you.

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49 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair, Dan.

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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Anyone else
2 -- go ahead, Dan.

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4 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, George, thank you.
5 We felt it was so important we pushed hard to get a
6 study done on the trading system of the Chigniks.
7 Right now I'm trying to recall where that study is.
8 But it's an interesting development to find out that
9 it's -- that it's waning and that some people aren't
10 getting kind of what they need, that's why it's so
11 important to document these activities.

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13 Thank you.

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15 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes. And I
16 would also add that's why it's important that you come
17 forward with your public testimony when you have an
18 opportunity and can do so. We appreciate you showing
19 up to do that.

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21 Anybody else.

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23 (No comments)

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25 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
26 you, very much, George. I certainly appreciate it.
27 And with that, seeing that we are done with our
28 scheduled Chignik information, I'll go ahead and call a
29 lunch break. Will everybody be okay if we just take an
30 hour lunch break today and meet again at 1:00 o'clock
31 -- I guess I should say that in the opposite, if
32 anybody needs longer please let me know now.

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34 (No comments)

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36 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, then
37 let's plan on meeting again at 1:00 o'clock. I look
38 forward to everybody having a good lunch, thank you.

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40 (Off record)

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42 (On record)

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44 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, so I'm
45 going to reconvene our meeting at 1:02. Thanks
46 everybody for being prompt and coming back and we will
47 repeat -- or return to the agenda that we left with
48 Item D, the call for Federal fish and shellfish
49 proposals. Jarred, I believe that's back in your arena
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1 again, would you care to share with us what you have.

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3 MR. STONE: Good afternoon, Madame
4 Chair and members of the Council. Again, for the
5 record my name is Jarred Stone and I am a Fisheries
6 Biologist with the Office of Subsistence Management. I
7 am joined again with my colleague Pippa Kenner, who is
8 an Anthropologist with OSM.

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10 Today I will present the call for
11 Federal fisheries and shellfish proposals, which is an
12 action item for your Council. And then later in the
13 agenda, Pippa Kenner will present the call for nonrural
14 determination proposals. You can find these materials
15 in Tab 4 in your Council meeting books for this
16 discussion.

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18 The Federal Subsistence Board will be
19 accepting proposals this winter and into spring to
20 change the Federal regulations for the subsistence take
21 of fish and shellfish on Federal public lands and
22 waters for the 2023 through 2025 regulatory cycle. The
23 Board will consider proposals to change Federal fish
24 and shellfish seasons, harvest limits, methods and
25 means and customary and traditional use determinations.
26 The current window of opportunity to submit proposals
27 is not quite ready yet, however, as a Council you may
28 vote on a fisheries proposals and then submit the
29 proposals to the Council Coordinators. Council
30 Coordinators will then submit the proposals once the
31 window for fisheries proposals has officially opened.
32 The general public will need to wait until the window
33 for fisheries proposals has officially opened, which
34 should be some time soon, and stay open for a period of
35 at least 30 days.

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37 Proposals need to be submitted to the
38 regulations website by going to www.regulations.gov.
39 There will be a news release from OSM announcing the
40 call for proposals window once the dates are set. The
41 proposals will be analyzed and presented to the
42 Councils during the upcoming fall 2022 meetings for
43 Council recommendations. Proposal analysis and Council
44 recommendations will be presented then to the Federal
45 Subsistence Board for their final action at the January
46 2023 fisheries regulatory meeting.

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48 That concludes my presentation. Are
49 there any questions related to the fisheries regulatory
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1 cycle or proposals that you would like to put forward.

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3 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: So my
4 question, Jarred, is going to be that is our action
5 item, is if we have proposals to put forward?

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7 MR. STONE: Thank you, Madame Chair,
8 yes. If you wish, as a Council, you can summarize any
9 proposal that you wish and then Robbin LaVine then
10 would take that proposal and when the call for
11 proposals as officially opened, Robbin then would
12 submit the proposal.

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14 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Got it. But
15 that's what I'm -- not really having had this on our
16 agenda before, I'll be asking here in a second, if
17 anybody has anything that they would like to bring
18 forward and have us promote, but in the meantime we're
19 going to have to have this done before our fall meeting
20 because you see that window closing before then; is
21 that correct?

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23 MR. STONE: That's correct. I imagine
24 that the published rule will be available here pretty
25 soon. I don't have exact dates yet but I'm hopeful
26 that in the coming two, three, four weeks, maybe, and
27 then during that time the window of opportunity will be
28 for at least 30 days and there will be additional
29 announcements that will notify rural -- the rural
30 public members to submit a proposal if they so choose.
31 And so at that time when the window closes, Staff, then
32 will perform the analysis on each of the proposals and
33 then bring those analysis back to the Councils at their
34 fall meeting.

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36 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
37 you for that clarification. Questions, Council
38 members.

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40 MR. ANDERSON: This is Norm. Has the
41 Federal recognized tribes or the consortiums been made
42 aware of this?

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44 MR. STONE: Thank you, Madame Chair and
45 members of the Council. To my knowledge we and maybe
46 I'd lean towards asking my colleague if she's aware of
47 reaching out to the tribes on this but essentially we
48 put out our call and during that time we first begin by
49 informing the Councils during our meeting here now so
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1 that this is an opportunity for us to begin that
2 outreach. And, yeah, so I guess I'll leave that there,
3 does that answer your question?
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5 MR. ANDERSON: Well, in a short
6 timeframe, I don't know how long you've known about
7 this but it's going to take some time for the tribes, I
8 know, to digest this and, you know, to get the word out
9 to their membership to try to get something together.
10 I'm sure there's concerns of things that are going on
11 so it's just a short timeframe.
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13 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair, this is
14 Robbin.
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16 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Robbin, you
17 have the floor.
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19 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
20 And Council Member Anderson. We -- these actua --
21 Council meetings are structured around, and our Program
22 is structured around a regulatory cycle. And every
23 winter meeting, which is this meeting now, we issue a
24 call for proposals. Last winter meeting, in 2021, we
25 issued a call for wildlife proposals, one of which was
26 submitted by this Council, that was 22-40, and then
27 every other year we issue a call for fisheries
28 proposals. So this is actually part of our regular
29 agenda. We do this every year. And the substance of
30 your work as a Council is in support of this regulatory
31 process. We send out and notify the public, through
32 Listserves and through our website and through
33 Facebook. And right now we can't officially announce
34 it until the proposed rule has been published and then
35 we can say, hello, everybody, here we are again, as we
36 are every other year for fish and shellfish proposals
37 and then every other year for wildlife proposals. So
38 this is part of the work we do and most of, you know,
39 the tribes and organizations with great interest in
40 changing -- proposing to change regulation, they are
41 aware, they are alerted and they are notified as soon
42 as the calls for proposals is published.
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44 Thank you, Madame Chair.
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46 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, thank
47 you. Norm, does that answer your question better?
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49 MR. ANDERSON: Yeah, it brings up
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1 another question. Have you had a lot of responses from
2 the tribes on changes or proposal admissions?

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4 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: You know, we
5 have -- over the.....

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7 MS. LAVINE: Through the Chair, this is
8 Robbin.

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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON:years
11 we have -- oh, go ahead Robbin.

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13 MS. LAVINE: You're probably going to
14 say the exact same thing I was. Thank you, go ahead.

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16 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: That's fine,
17 go for it, you started it.

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19 (Laughter)

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21 MS. LAVINE: Well, I was going to say
22 that actually we -- this particular Council, the
23 Bristol Bay Regional Advisory Council, certainly relies
24 on the local expertise represented by the
25 organizations, the tribal organizations here. We work
26 -- we have worked in the past closely with the Bristol
27 Bay Native Association in developing proposals that are
28 responsive to this regions interest.

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30 Thank you, Mr. Anderson, and through
31 the Chair. Thank you.

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33 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes, no,
34 thanks, Robbin. Yep, and that's what I was going to
35 say, too, Norm, is we collect them, you know,
36 throughout the course, over the course of two years,
37 between the proposal timeframes that we have and they
38 will come in sometimes from individuals, sometimes from
39 Council members and quite often from organizations.

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41 Do you have anything you'd like to
42 followup with?

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44 MR. ANDERSON: Well, yeah, my questions
45 is have you received many?

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47 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: I don't have
48 a number on that but, absolutely, we've had a number of
49 proposals go forward, most have been accepted and a

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1 few, sometimes they're modified and sometimes they're
2 rejected but we've had more acceptance than rejection.

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4 MS. LAVINE: And, Madame Chair, this is
5 Robbin again.

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7 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
8 Robbin.

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10 MS. LAVINE: And I would also like to
11 -- I would like to respond to Mr. Anderson's question
12 of -- for this cycle, and if you're asking if we've had
13 any proposals submitted yet for this cycle, we haven't
14 yet, because this is our very first opportunity to
15 announce it and we will announce it more like fully and
16 more rigorously as soon as the proposed rule is
17 published. So at the moment we haven't received any
18 proposals to change fisheries regulations for this next
19 cycle but we hope to receive some soon.

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21 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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23 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes. And
24 also, Norm, what we'll do is we will see the proposals
25 that do come in, before they move along, so that we can
26 give our yes or no to them as well. So even if they're
27 not submitted today, we will be seeing them and be able
28 to comment on them before they go to the state Board.

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30 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair.

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32 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes.

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34 MR. DUNAWAY: Yes, this is Dan. The
35 Nushagak Advisory Committee met, as I mentioned before.
36 We probably spent two hours, maybe more kind of kicking
37 around a bunch of comments and concerns about fisheries
38 because the State Board cycle for this area is just
39 starting too, but nothing came out of the meeting.
40 Nothing substantial came out of the meeting about any
41 resource, no AC written proposals, and so there's
42 really nothing coming from there. The one thing, and
43 we didn't have a lot of data amongst us to look at but
44 somebody observed that, you know, there's these major
45 concerns with poor chum runs and king runs on a lot of
46 Western Alaska and apparently Area M had a really large
47 chum catch last summer. There's all kinds of problems
48 with that, too, but Nushagak AC is likely to meet again
49 and maybe by then some proposals will come out. But I

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1 have nothing to pass on. Okay.

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3 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Other
4 Council members.

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6 MR. HILL: Madame Chair, Lary Hill.
7 Through the Council to Norm.

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9 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
10 Lary.

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12 MR. HILL: Yeah, just to Norman. If
13 you want to go for some late night reading, every
14 meeting we've had in the past has been transcribed by a
15 court stenographer, as it were, and he can read word by
16 word everything we've done as far back as you want to
17 go.

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19 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay,
20 thanks, Lary.

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22 MR. ANDERSON: Yeah, if I knew where to
23 find that Lary.

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25 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead.

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27 MR. ANDERSON: I said if I knew where
28 to find that Lary.

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30 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Oh, Robbin,
31 can you send him a link, please.

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33 MS. LAVINE: I would be delighted.
34 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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36 MR. ANDERSON: Thank you. Thank you,
37 Lary.

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39 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Other
40 Council members. Anything you'd like to talk about for
41 fish/shellfish proposals for our next cycle.

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43 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair, Richard.

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45 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
46 Richard.

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48 MR. WILSON: Yes, just kind of
49 reiterate what I had mentioned earlier about our AC

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1 meeting last night, you know, trying to formulate some
2 language, you know, to -- you know because of our
3 intercept and bycatch, and I'm wondering if, you know,
4 as we compile information from not only the local AC
5 here but we're hoping that -- you know, putting on
6 another hat here, that the other ACs and perhaps this
7 Council might want to chime in on what, you know, what
8 we're trying to do as far as region-wide to express our
9 concerns about, you know, our dwindling stocks on
10 certain species.

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12 Any thoughts on that anybody?

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14 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Council.....

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16 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair, this is.....

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18 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON:members

19 -- go ahead, Robbin.

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21 MS. LAVINE: This is Robbin. I would
22 -- I would advise the Council that bycatch proposals or
23 proposals that might address bycatch in the marine
24 environment is beyond this Federal Subsistence Board's
25 authority. However there may be other ways in which
26 this Council can express concern and direct notice of
27 this issue.

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29 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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31 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,
32 Robbin. And, yes, I think we're thinking along the
33 lines of correspondence directed at our Congressional
34 Committee back in D.C., and not so much action, but
35 just looking for others who share our concerns up and
36 down our coast, which we know of many.

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38 Any other Council members.

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40 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair, Dan.

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42 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead.

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44 MR. DUNAWAY: Speaking of bycatch and
45 all, somebody might want to look up Craig Medred, I
46 haven't even finished reading it, he had a big article
47 about a lot of kind of high seas salmon research that I
48 think is going on right now. I also had heard of
49 another news item where there was supposed to be four
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1 ships out in the winter and in the past most salmon --
2 high seas salmon research was done in the summer, and
3 it may be that the growing outcry about bycatch and
4 salmon survival and terrible problems with no salmon in
5 the Yukon and the Kuskokwim has finally spurred some
6 action on the high seas. So I think all of us might be
7 eager to keep an eye out for what comes of those
8 activities. But, yeah, in the past, we actually had
9 North Pacific Fisheries Management Council attending
10 our meetings and explaining bycatch rules and we even
11 weighed in once along with some other of the RACs
12 farther west and north about the allowable bycatch
13 quotas. We got pretty vigorous about it. I think a
14 lot of us thought that the results of that kind of had
15 helped a lot but all of a sudden bycatch has flared
16 back up.

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18 So at this point I think a lot of it's
19 we got to wait and see what data is out there and
20 continue to let the Subsistence Board know that we
21 are.....

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23 (Teleconference interference -
24 participants not muted - on hold)

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26 MR. DUNAWAY:that's what I got
27 for now, thank you.

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29 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yep, okay,
30 Dan. Yeah, and I think what Richard is saying and what
31 I'm thinking is that what we're looking to do is take a
32 proactive stand instead of waiting and seeing and just
33 collect a group of voices with one unity letting the
34 Congressional delegation know.....

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36 MS. WESSELS: Madame Chair, this.....

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38 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON:
39how.....

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41 MS. WESSELS: Madame Chair, we
42 need.....

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44 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes.

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46 MS. WESSELS:we need -- sorry,
47 this is Katya. We need to wait until this music stops
48 because it's difficult for the court reporter to record
49 the conversation. Somebody put us on hold to answer
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1 another call.

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3 REPORTER: Okay, I will contact the
4 operator just hold one minute please.

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6 MS. WESSELS: Thank you, Tina.

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8 (Pause)

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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON:all
11 spectrums, whether it's commercial, subsistence or
12 sportfishing and let the Congressional delegation know
13 that this concern is real, it's broadly spread across
14 our region and that we want action rather than just
15 waiting to see results. I think that we could use
16 those results for actions in the future. This
17 particular action doesn't -- that Richard's talking
18 about, doesn't necessarily require this Board to make
19 any sort of a proposal at this point, it's just looking
20 for support once the letter's constructed.

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22 So anyway that's just for
23 clarification.

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25 Anything else, Council members. Does
26 anybody have anything in mind today or we can just -- a
27 person can submit a proposal themselves if something
28 comes to mind after this meeting as well. As I said
29 before we'll take it up as a group again before they
30 get to the statewide people.

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32 MR. HILL: Madame Chair, this is Lary.

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34 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
35 Lary.

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37 MR. HILL: Yeah, I read a -- kind of a
38 cynical byline in the newspaper recently that it seemed
39 like the more observers that were on those boats --
40 that were concerned that the more observers there were,
41 the higher the bycatch numbers that were reported.

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43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: That sounds
44 pretty -- that doesn't sound cynical at all, it sounds
45 pretty factual to me.

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47 (Laughter)

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49 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Any other

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1 Council members.

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3 (No comments)

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5 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, it
6 sounds to me, Jarred, like we don't have anything that
7 we're prepared to bring forth at this time. We will
8 receive that same notice, I assume, so that if
9 something comes to mind we can submit them as personal
10 proposals and we'll take them up as a Council then once
11 they're vetted through the proper channels.

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13 MR. STONE: That's correct, Madame
14 Chair, and thank you. And when that call does come out
15 we do our best to try to notify the public via radio
16 and via Facebook and on our website and so when the
17 time comes, again, just to reiterate, there'll be at
18 least 30 days for the notice of opportunity will be
19 allowed for proposals to roll in. And at that time any
20 of those proposals that go beyond our validation
21 process, internal at OSM, then will be presented back
22 to you in the fall. So fear not, if there's any
23 proposals that you're not hearing about today you will
24 reconvene at that fall meeting and you'll see all of
25 the proposals in front of you then.

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27 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, great,
28 thank you. Appreciate that clarification. Any
29 questions, any Council members.

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31 MR. DUNAWAY: Just a comment back to
32 Norm, and, too -- I'll tell -- yeah, Norman, also
33 Orville Lind, I think is an official tribal liaison and
34 somewhere in here when things start happening he's
35 calling a lot of the different tribal organizations and
36 making sure they know about things that are in the
37 works and make sure they have time to comment and when
38 we get closer to proposals there's a specific segment
39 of tribal consultation. Sometimes he has a real
40 struggle in the summer catching up to people because
41 they're so scattered and not able to respond too well.
42 But there is that tribal consultation, I think it's a
43 mandate that's part of the process. Okay.

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45 MR. ANDERSON: Yeah, thank you.

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47 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
48 you, Dan. Thank you, Norm. Anything else.

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1 MR. TREFON: So all we have to do is
2 just follow the instructions on these two pages of how
3 to submit a proposal.

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5 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: That's
6 right. Good point Billy.

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8 MR. TREFON: Yep.

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10 (Laughter)

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12 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: And, of
13 course, our crew is always willing to help us out, too.

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15 Okay, let's move on then, Pippa, for
16 call for nonrural determination proposals, the floor is
17 yours.

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19 MS. KENNER: Thank you, Madame Chair.
20 My name is Pippa Kenner and I'm an Anthropologist at
21 the Office of Subsistence Management here in Anchorage.
22 And I'm here to provide you with a brief overview of
23 the current call for proposals for nonrural
24 determinations in Federal regulations. Now, this
25 presentation isn't in your Council books, it's an oral
26 presentation.

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28 So first of all a nonrural
29 determination is the process for formally changing in
30 Federal regulations a community's status from nonrural
31 to rural or from rural to nonrural. This is the second
32 call of proposals for nonrural determinations. Any
33 valid nonrural determination proposal submitted this
34 year will be acted on by the Board in 2025. The call
35 for nonrural determination proposals occurs every four
36 years concurrent with every other fisheries regulatory
37 cycle. The next call for proposals for nonrural
38 determinations will be in 2026.

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40 So as you just heard from Jarred, the
41 call for proposals have not yet published due to the
42 lengthy clearance process in Washington. But when it
43 gets published the public comment proposal to change
44 the regulation period will be open for at least 30
45 days. There's a flier on our website on how to submit
46 proposals to change nonrural determination. The flier
47 includes information on where to submit a proposal and
48 what items a proposals must contain to be accepted for
49 consideration by the Federal Subsistence Board. The
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1 website address is www.doi.gov/subsistence/faqs, and
2 this flier can be found near the bottom of the
3 frequently asked questions page. Additional
4 information may be found in the soon to be published
5 proposed rule for this fish/shellfish cycle.
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7 Again, this is not an action item for
8 your Council but an update on where we are in the
9 process.
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11 Thank you for your attention and I'll
12 try to answer any questions.
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14 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
15 you, Pippa, I appreciate that. And just FYI, we have
16 -- because we're so remote and so rural we've had very
17 -- in fact, I don't know of any nonrural determinations
18 that we've had in our area. But does anybody have any
19 questions or comments for Pippa.
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21 MR. ANDERSON: Just for clarification,
22 Pippa, this is Norm in Dillingham. Could you repeat
23 that address again, please.
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25 MS. KENNER: You bet Norm. So the
26 Federal Subsistence Management Program web page is at
27 www.doi.gov, click on subsistence and click on FAQs.
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29 MR. ANDERSON: Oh, okay.
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31 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Any
32 other questions or comments.
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34 MR. DUNAWAY: Dan here, sorry to be the
35 chatterbox.
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37 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: That's okay,
38 Dan.
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40 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, I was wondering if
41 Pippa could remind us. It seemed to me that some years
42 ago we kind of tackled this and we kind of switched
43 around the perspective of what constituted rural versus
44 nonrural. Would you be able to summarize that real
45 quick, it might be helpful to all of us and especially
46 Norman, or is that too complicated at this time. Okay.
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48 MS. KENNER: Through the Chair, Member
49 Dan. Yeah, no, I can do that. In a nutshell, the
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1 process was changed. We used to do a review of the
2 rural/nonrural determinations every 10 years and that
3 was mandated in regulation, now, instead, we have a
4 proposal process where every four years we request
5 proposals for people wanting us to review a certain
6 rural/nonrural determination. We've removed
7 thresholds. There were thresholds that included things
8 like population, the human population of a community,
9 how high that was. We've removed those thresholds and,
10 instead, asked the proposer to tell us why they think
11 the character of a community is rural or nonrural and
12 then the Board relies heavily on the recommendation of
13 Regional Advisory Councils to act on that proposal.

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15 Thank you.

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17 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,
18 Pippa. Good catch there, Dan, for clarification for
19 Norm.

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21 Any other questions or comments.

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23 (No comments)

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25 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
26 you, Pippa, appreciate your time. Let's move on and
27 review and approve the fiscal year 2021 annual report.
28 Robbin, that's for you, I think.

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30 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
31 Yeah, members of the Council. These meeting materials
32 for this agenda item can be found as Tab 5. The annual
33 report, or the draft annual report can also be found on
34 our website.

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36 These annual report topics were
37 developed at your fall meeting in 2021 via
38 teleconference and your Council developed nine topics.
39 And really quickly they were:

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41 1. The need for information and
42 representation from Federal agencies at Council
43 meetings.

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45 2. Chinook salmon die-off.

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47 3. Chignik area fishery.

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49 4. Bear predation.

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1 5. Shorebird die-off.

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3 6. Consolidation of teleconference and
4 Microsoft Teams Videoconferencing.

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6 7. A thank you to OSM Staff and the
7 need to fill the Council Coordinator position.

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9 8. Need to fill all vacant seats on
10 the Council.

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12 9. ANILCA versus agency-specific
13 regulations.

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15 If you would like to review and confirm
16 that we've captured your report items and concerns
17 correctly, please do so. You can also let us know if
18 the Council wishes to edit any of these topics or if
19 you have additional topics then we can address those
20 changes at this time.

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22 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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24 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,
25 Robbin. So I'm hoping everybody has had a moment to
26 review those. Obviously Norm you didn't have the
27 luxury of being able to be there and be recognized for
28 these, so if you do have questions, please, don't
29 hesitate to ask them. Does anybody have any changes,
30 clarifications they would like to see for edits, or any
31 additions.

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33 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair, this is
34 Richard. Move to adopt.

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36 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead.

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38 MR. DUNAWAY: I'll second Richard's
39 motion to adopt but I have -- I want to discuss them.
40 Okay.

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42 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. I've
43 got a motion and a second. Richard, did you want to
44 speak to your motion first.

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46 MR. WILSON: No, go ahead, Dan.

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48 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, Dan,
49 you have the floor.

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1 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay, thank you. When I
2 was thinking that we had a problem with our minutes
3 earlier, I finally realized here it's down here in this
4 report and I was supposed to read this and say it was
5 good but reading it closer in preparation for this
6 meeting, I have some concerns under No. 4, bear
7 predation. And at the top there's a line -- towards
8 the last line or so it says the Council's concerned
9 that with dwindling salmon returns the nature of the --
10 or the danger of increased bear predation on moose and
11 caribou is high. It's -- that's kind of it, that's
12 kind of like -- I think I remember saying something
13 about this but it's also kind of missed that right now
14 we have huge red runs in much of Bristol Bay which
15 seems to be feeding, literally, a real growth in brown
16 bear population and then they turn to moose and
17 caribou. It could get a lot worse if we had some
18 sudden downturns, if we had sudden downturns in the
19 salmon runs and kind of a high standing bear
20 population.

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22 So that's kind of a nuance difference.
23 But I was hoping they could kind of capture it a little
24 more than -- a little more than nuances. Okay.

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26 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes, Dan, I
27 tend to agree with you. I think that's a great catch.
28 when I read it, I just, you know, read it straight
29 across but you're absolutely correct it does not
30 actually give a good depiction of what our area is
31 going through right now and I think clarification would
32 be helpful. How does everybody else feel?

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34 MR. WILSON: I agree, Rich Wilson. I
35 do agree. Thanks, Dan.

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37 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.

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39 MR. TREFON: Yeah, me, too, Billy.

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41 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. So
42 what would everybody think about language changing --
43 just changing the language in -- well, I don't know, I
44 didn't remember the sentences but changing the
45 Council's concerned and just turning that into: The
46 Council's concerned with dwindling salmon returns in
47 some of our areas and the increased population of
48 sockeye in some of our areas, they're both -- I mean
49 the salmon returns -- dwindling salmon returns in some
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1 of our areas increases the danger of predation on moose
2 and caribou and the pure increase in salmon should
3 maybe be another sentence: In other of our areas is
4 just fueling the growth of the brown bear population.
5 Does something like that seem palatable to Council
6 members.

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8 MR. WILSON: Well said.

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10 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, thanks, Nanci. And
11 you bring up a point that I was debating bears and
12 predation across the state with a few folks. And there
13 are, we think of Chigniks somewhat and there's parts of
14 the Gulf of Alaska who have poor runs and that is
15 having, you know, pushing bears.....

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17 (Teleconference interference -
18 participants not muted)

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20 MR. DUNAWAY:into town and
21 there's an assortment of problems that come in low
22 salmon abundance. I think -- I like to get on the
23 Brooks River bear camera a lot in the summer and
24 there's times that you can easily see 50 bears at one
25 time around the falls and my impression is that that's
26 quite a bit more than there used to be. So, yeah, we
27 want to be alert to this. And it gets back to the bear
28 predation on moose and caribou if these sows are
29 bringing three and four cubs through the first winter
30 and full size and they're out there combing the tundra
31 for our caribou calves it's -- it's hammering our
32 animals. So anyways, hopefully that could get
33 summarized and passed on, thanks.

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35 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, before
36 I call for the question let me ask if that is clear
37 enough for Robbin, is that you that will be rewriting
38 this?

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40 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Madame Chair,
41 this is Robbin.

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43 MS. WESSELS: Madame Chair.....

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45 MS. LAVINE: I'm going to be starting
46 but I'm hoping that your new Coordinator will be
47 picking up the baton.

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49 I will also say one more time, to all

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1 of those who are listening online and some of you who
2 are participating we can hear a lot of banging around
3 in the background. Someone might be doing some of
4 their listening and chores. Please be mindful and make
5 sure that you've muted your phone.

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7 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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9 REPORTER: Thank you.

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11 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
12 you.....

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14 MS. WESSELS: Madame Chair, this is
15 Katya Wessels.

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17 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON:Robbin.
18 Go ahead, Katya.

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20 MS. WESSELS: Yes. I think it's clear
21 what change the Council would like in this wording of
22 their annual report for Topic No. 4 so what we're going
23 to do, you know, very soon after this meeting, we're
24 going to revise that specific topic and we will send
25 the draft to all Council members and if we hear from
26 you and it's approved then we will finalize the annual
27 report and send it to you for your final review and
28 approval, Madame Chair.

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30 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
31 you. That was going to be my next request, if you'd
32 send it all out to us for a review. Okay, with that
33 I'll call for the question. All in favor of approving
34 the rewritten, or I should say amended No. 4 annual
35 report items, please signify by saying aye.

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37 IN UNISON: Aye.

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39 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay,
40 opposed, same sign.

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42 MR. ANDERSON: Madame Chair, this is
43 Norm. I'm not going to vote no, I'm just going to
44 abstain because I haven't had time to thoroughly read
45 all these and formulate my thoughts so I'm just going
46 to abstain.

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48 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: So noted and
49 fully understood, Norm, thank you. Do we have that for
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1 the record.

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REPORTER: Yes.

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MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,

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MS. LAVINE: We do, Madame Chair, thank

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you.

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MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes, thank

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you. Okay, thank you, Robbin. And then it looks like

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you're next also for Federal Subsistence Board annual

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report reply process review and revision for a guided

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discussion. And I see that we have a star for an

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action item but I don't know that we do have an action

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on this, correct.

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MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Madame Chair.

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Well, actually we do have an action on this. The Board

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has requested that this issue be brought before the

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Council. So with that I can begin with my talking

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points and I'll be happy to answer your questions at

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the end of my presentation.

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MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, go

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ahead.

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MS. LAVINE: So for the record, Madame

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Chair, members of the Council, again, my name is Robbin

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LaVine, I'm the Subsistence Policy Coordinator for OSM.

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I'm also your Bristol Bay Regional Advisory Council DFO

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for this meeting.

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During -- and this is an action item.

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During the Federal Subsistence Board's August 2021 work

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session, the InterAgency Staff Committee briefed the

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Board on the annual report reply process and possible

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revisions to improve responsiveness to Regional

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Advisory Council concerns. This ISC briefing is part

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of a larger ISC effort to improve workload efficiencies

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within the Federal Subsistence Management Program. The

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Board reviewed and discussed the report reply process

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and agreed to forward this topic to the Councils for

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your input on the suggested revisions, including

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possible ideas of your own.

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So as you are aware, ANILCA Section

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1 report containing information related to important
2 subsistence resource issues within their regions.
3 These reports are invaluable as they provide the Board
4 with a broad holistic picture of local resource
5 conditions and the most up to date subsistence issues
6 facing communities across rural Alaska. With this
7 knowledge the Board can make informed decisions.

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9 Historically, the Board has strived to
10 provide responses to every topic listed in annual
11 reports regardless of its authority to address the
12 issues raised. However, it is unclear if Board
13 responses on all annual report topics are helpful to
14 the Councils while also taking considerable Staff time
15 to complete. The ISC has suggested process revisions.

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17 1. To maintain annual reports as a way
18 to inform the Board of local conditions, issues and
19 needs, and

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21 2. To propose letter writing as a way
22 to request a response from the Board on topics of
23 concerns.

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25 We do recognize that Councils already
26 write letters to the Board and to other agencies
27 outside of the annual report process. Under this ISC
28 scenario the only change is how the Board responds to
29 issues within your annual report. This change might
30 allow some more substantive and timely responses from
31 the Board on topics of critical concern to the Council,
32 for example, a separate letter requesting Board
33 response could be written and submitted to the Board
34 more quickly than including the issue in the annual
35 report as the annual report requires a longer time for
36 both preparation of the report as well as preparation
37 of the Board's response.

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39 So these suggested revisions are not
40 intended to diminish the ability of the Councils to
41 communicate with the Board. The Board relies on your
42 knowledge and expertise and annual reports are a way to
43 ensure the Board remains up to date on important
44 developments in your region.

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46 To that end, we are asking you to think
47 about what you want from the Board in response to your
48 annual report. To help guide your discussion I suggest
49 we; 1, review the ISC's suggestions again; 2, we can
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1 open the floor to questions and Council discussion,
2 and, then; 3, we can ask you to take action and develop
3 your comments to forward to the Board.

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5 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: That sounds
6 like a good.....

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8 MS. LAVINE: So one, the ISC.....

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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON:plan
11 forward -- go ahead with the floor.

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13 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
14 So the ISC suggestions are that annual reports are a
15 means to keep the Board informed of important
16 conditions, issues and needs, and letter writing would
17 be the way to request a Board response on important
18 topics and concerns. So that's the ISC's suggestion.

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20 And so Step 2 would be opening the
21 floor to questions, clarifications and discussions.
22 I'm on hand to respond and other members of the ISC,
23 the InterAgency Staff Committee, are also on hand if
24 you like and if you need.

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26 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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28 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: So, thank
29 you, much. Questions.

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31 (No comments)

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33 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Anybody care
34 to start us off.

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36 (No comments)

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38 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: So basically
39 maybe for clarification, what I'm understanding this is
40 meaning is that we normally send in this list of annual
41 -- an annual report to the Board of the concerns in our
42 area, which is like exactly what we just went over for
43 our annual report. If we have more immediate concerns
44 that we want addressed directly, such as -- well,
45 unfortunately the only one that comes to mind was our
46 predation issue several years ago, then we could then,
47 instead, write a letter and hopefully get a quicker
48 response directly from the Board for that is what has
49 been offered up. Am I summarizing that correctly,
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1 Paula -- or, Paula -- Robbin.

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3 (Laughter)

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5 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Madame Chair.

6 Yeah, yeah you are. And I think part of it is also
7 then to not have detailed researched Board response --
8 responses to different issues within your annual
9 report. So I think that was another part of this
10 recommendation but that -- and, you know, again, noting
11 that the most important role that your annual report
12 plays is informing the Board, and actually the Federal
13 Subsistence Management Program, but this is, you know,
14 we are seeking, again, your input on that and your
15 input on the Board responses to your annual reports and
16 then also thinking about, instead, getting that kind of
17 response, a more substantive response on issues for
18 which the Board has authority via letter writing.

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20 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes, okay,
21 thank you. No, that is a very good point. so I also
22 -- I can't remember a specific item at the moment but I
23 do know in the past that we have had frustration that
24 the Board did not get back to us with either the
25 information or the -- not the proper answer, but the
26 answers that we were hoping for, and I think that this
27 letter writing would give better direction to them as
28 well and they would take our annual report for the
29 information that's offered as well but it would be a
30 better way for us to perhaps direct our immediate
31 needs, whether it's for information or for, you know,
32 notification, either way.

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34 So Board members, questions, or any
35 other comments or thoughts.

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37 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair, Richard.

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39 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, go
40 ahead, Richard.

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42 MR. WILSON: Yeah. No, it sounds good,
43 through the Chair there, Robbin. Yeah, it's just an
44 open -- a little more open door policy there for
45 quicker communication is always good and this seems
46 like it's going in the right direction so I'm in
47 support of this.

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49 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.

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1 Anybody else.

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3 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair, Dan.

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5 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
6 Dan.

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8 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, so I kind of agree
9 with Richard. I'm just kind of curious of the process.
10 Does this mean that individuals would write letters and
11 funnel them through our Coordinator or would it mean
12 that the RAC would have to meet to write a letter to
13 submit; just kind of what -- how do you envision the
14 process. Okay.

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16 MS. LAVINE: Through the Chair, this is
17 Robbin. Well, I would note that you already direct
18 your Coordinator to support you in letter writing and
19 that you may be interested in developing a letter, you
20 know, for some of the topics that you've discussed,
21 like bycatch or, you know, statewide issues of concern.
22 So you're already doing a lot of that. We wouldn't
23 remove that process from your Council meetings.

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25 (Teleconference interference -
26 participants not muted)

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28 MS. LAVINE: Hold on, this is robbin.
29 There's somebody that has not muted their lines and I'm
30 going to ask that you all check once again to make sure
31 your phones are muted.

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33 So I would note that we are -- you
34 know, we already use letter writing, it is something
35 that is a tool for your Council, not just to
36 communicate to the Board but to express your interests,
37 your concerns to a lot of other agencies that impact
38 your subsistence way of life. So letter writing is a
39 part of it. We develop letters at Council meetings and
40 you review those letters, sometimes outside of the
41 Council meetings. The only difference here, the only
42 difference here is that you would be developing your
43 annual reports and you would -- the Board would receive
44 these annual reports and review them and be briefed by
45 them during our summer work session but there would not
46 be replies. Not like issue by issue replies.
47 Generally you'd probably receive more of a general
48 acknowledgement and an expression of gratitude from the
49 Board. So it's just a different way of communicating.

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1 And, again, this is just a suggestion
2 from the InterAgency Staff Committee, not from OSM or
3 the Board. The Board is asking you to consider these
4 recommendations, or these suggested revisions and think
5 about the annual report replies -- or the annual report
6 process and the purpose it serves and then the replies
7 that you receive, and you receive the replies from the
8 Board during your fall meeting.

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10 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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12 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, thank
13 you, very much.

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15 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, that helps.....

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17 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead.

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19 MR. DUNAWAY: That helps clarify it,
20 yeah. Yeah, I know there's times where we seem to wait
21 forever from a -- and maybe the Board overlooks it
22 buried in the reports so I like the letter idea, I
23 think.

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25 Thank you.

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27 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay,
28 anybody else.

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30 (No comments)

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32 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: So then I
33 guess I have to ask the Board what the wishes are,
34 would you like to adopt this new process as presented,
35 would you like to change something that's been
36 suggested, or bring something entirely new and approve
37 it?

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39 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair, this is
40 Robbin.

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42 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead.

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44 MS. LAVINE: I would say that really
45 the Board is requesting you forward comments and so you
46 don't need to formally adopt these revisions.

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48 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Oh, great.
2 Okay, good, then that helps for clarity too. Anybody
3 else have any comments that they would like to add to
4 the ones we've already heard.

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6 MR. TREFON: Nope, this is Billy,
7 sounds good to me.

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9 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,
10 Billy. I'm kind of with you, I kind of feel like this
11 would give us the ability to perhaps pinpoint our more
12 immediate concerns and expectations of a response and
13 we'll still be able to keep in touch with the Board and
14 do an annual report for them and that'll take some
15 pressure off them as well. So I intend to agree with
16 you on that.

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18 MR. TREFON: Yep.

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20 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Thank
21 you, Robbin.

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23 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Madame Chair.
24 Your discussion is recorded, I've taken notes, thank
25 you.

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27 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,
28 very much. Let's move on to H, receiving public
29 testimony protocols, another guided discussion and
30 Katya' you're taking this one up.

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32 MS. WESSELS: Yes, thank you, Madame
33 Chair. Members of the Council. For the record, Katya
34 Wessels, Council Coordination Division Supervisor. And
35 this is another guided discussion and in this case it's
36 the Office of Subsistence Management that would like
37 your feedback. But I will start with a little preamble
38 of history.

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40 So all 10 Subsistence Regional Advisory
41 Councils were formed under Title VIII of ANILCA and
42 they were chartered under the Federal Advisory
43 Committee Act. ANILCA gives each Regional Advisory
44 Council an authority to provide a forum for the
45 expression of opinions and recommendations by persons
46 interested in matters related to subsistence uses of
47 fish and wildlife within the region. And authority to
48 encourage local and regional participation pursuant to
49 Title VIII of ANILCA in the decisionmaking process
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1 affecting the take of fish and wildlife on public lands
2 within the region for subsistence uses.

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4 Federal Advisory Committee Act
5 stipulates that any member of the public is permitted
6 to file a written statement with Advisory Committee and
7 may speak to or otherwise address the Advisory
8 Committee if the agency guidelines so permit.

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10 Basically any Council meeting is an
11 opportunity for the public to engage with the Council
12 and provide their oral and written testimony.

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14 So during each regulatory cycle there
15 are several opportunities for the public to provide
16 their oral and written testimony to the Board, to the
17 Federal Subsistence Board and to the Councils.

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19 First opportunity comes after the call
20 for the proposals, officially known as the proposed
21 rule is published in the Federal Register. And that's
22 what Jarred was talking about. The call for the
23 proposals have not been published in the Federal
24 Register yet. So this is an opportunity to submit
25 proposals, or any significant comments to the Federal
26 Subsistence Board. The first comment window is open
27 anywhere from 45 up to 90 days or longer. So once the
28 call for the proposals is published in the Federal
29 Register that at least will be open for 45 days or
30 maybe up to 90, depending on how much time we have once
31 they publish that rule. So that's the first
32 opportunity.

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34 Second opportunity for public comments
35 on submitted proposals begins when the proposal
36 submission window closes and validated proposals are
37 published on the Federal Subsistence Management Program
38 website.

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40 So during the first opportunity,
41 proposals and comments are submitted. Second
42 opportunity, proposals are validated and published on
43 our website and the public has an opportunity to
44 comment on these proposals. In these situations these
45 comments are submitted to the Federal Subsistence Board
46 as well.

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48 Then there's a third opportunity for
49 public to comment on proposals and it is during the

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1 Council meeting that you have in the fall.

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3 And the fourth opportunity for public
4 comments on proposals during the Board regulatory
5 meeting. These comments are used by the Board in their
6 decisionmaking process.

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8 So now I will talk about the third
9 opportunity for public comments on proposals during the
10 Council meetings in more detail because this is the
11 subject of our guided discussion today.

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13 The public comments on proposals
14 accepted at the Council public meetings are there for
15 the use of this Council in making their recommendations
16 to the Board. The Council Chair or your Council
17 Coordinator presents the Council recommendations at the
18 Board meetings and the supporting data, so these are
19 the Board regulatory meetings. This round of public
20 comments and proposals are part of the record for the
21 Council meeting and not the Board of meeting. So any
22 comments that would be submitted to you in the fall of
23 each regulatory year, that will be just the Council
24 record, not the Board record, except if the Coordinator
25 and the Chair presents some of these comments to the
26 Board because they're in support of the Council
27 position. Public comments on proposals are accepted
28 after the presentation of each proposal analysis.
29 These include oral comments provided by the public
30 attending the meeting and written comments provided by
31 the public during the meeting. The latter will be read
32 and summarized to the Council. Again, these comments
33 are for the Council and will not be included in the
34 Board proposal analysis. Public comments on non-agenda
35 items are accepted at the start of each day of a
36 Council meeting. In the past when the Councils met in
37 person, the public brought their written public
38 comments to the meeting and they were distributed to
39 the Council members and other meeting participants.
40 During the fall 2021 meeting cycle since all the
41 meetings were held via teleconference, the OSM
42 leadership deemed it necessary to establish a temporary
43 procedure for submission of written public comments
44 during the Council meeting. The public was directed to
45 submit written comments to the centralized OSM email
46 during the meeting as it was indicated in that years
47 proposed rule published in the Federal Register. The
48 OSM Staff read these comments into the record verbatim
49 during the meeting. This was an interim procedure.

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1 Now, prior to the Councils fall 2022
2 meeting cycle, when the Councils are going to discuss
3 fisheries proposals and closure reviews we're
4 requesting the Councils input on how the Councils would
5 prefer receiving written public comments submitted to
6 them after the proposed rule deadline. These are
7 comments that the Council may want to consider in
8 formulating their recommendations to the Board. Once
9 OSM receives input from the Councils on the guidelines,
10 we will then update the written framework accordingly.
11 And this item is not necessarily an action item but
12 Council discussion is encouraged.

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14 And for the Council's feedback we
15 developed a number of questions that we would like the
16 Council members to respond to. Remember, that we're
17 talking about the written public comments submitted
18 only to the Council. These comments are used by the
19 Council to make their recommendations to the Board.
20 The comments themselves will not be shared with the
21 Board. The questions that we hope the Council will
22 answer are:

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24 Question No. 1. In the Council's
25 opinion, what are the best ways to encourage public
26 feedback to the Councils.

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28 Question No. 2. Would the Council
29 prefer to receive comments from the public orally or in
30 writing.

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32 Question No. 3. Would it be helpful to
33 the Council if OSM requests written public comments
34 submitted to your Council Coordinator prior to the
35 meeting within a certain time period and the
36 Coordinator, in turn, will summarize the comments and
37 present them to the Council during the meeting.

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39 Question No. 4. Is it better for the
40 Council if received public comments are read verbatim
41 into the record or summarized.

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43 And, last question, do you have any
44 other suggestions regarding the ways of improving
45 written or oral public testimony procedures during the
46 Council meeting.

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48 I know that's a lot of questions but I
49 think you kind of get the gist of what kind of feedback
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1 OSM would like to hear from the Councils. So if you
2 would like me to read the questions again I can,
3 otherwise, this concludes my presentation. And I'm
4 ready to answer any questions or hear the Council's
5 discussion and feedback.

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7 Thank you.

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9 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
10 you, Katya. any questions for Katya.

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12 MR. ANDERSON: Yeah, Madame Chair, this
13 is Norm. Katya, that's very good and that's kind of
14 the information I'm kind of looking for, information
15 exchange between the agencies and the tribal actions
16 that needs to be taken on these things, and
17 presentation to the particular tribes and I think I'll
18 volunteer my cousin, Orville Lind, to use his resources
19 and abilities to reach out to the tribes for a
20 presentation to that. I think this is -- this used to
21 be done a long time ago, that's how I got involved 40
22 years ago and I'd like to see this happen again, it's
23 very important to us as Federal recognized tribal
24 members to have a good relationship with the other
25 tribes and with the Federal government, so thank you I
26 look forward to that.

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28 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,
29 Norm.

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31 MR. ANDERSON: Yep.

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33 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Any other
34 questions.

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36 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, Dan here again.

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38 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
39 Dan.

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41 MR. DUNAWAY: I tried to write those
42 questions down. No. 1, what's the best way to
43 encourage public comment. I believe whatever works for
44 the commenter. Quite a few of our people are not
45 writers or don't have access to ways of composing it.
46 So I think we've been pretty darn flexible in the past
47 and I would like to continue that. If people want to
48 call in, show up in person, and showing up in person is
49 also, I know, a very intimidating thing for a lot of
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1 people, and I think we should bend over backwards to be
2 available. I look at Kenneth Nukwuk from Manokotak on
3 some of this Sno-Go approaching stuff, I think it took
4 him a lot of courage to approach us and now he's an
5 alternate on our Advisory Committee. And also, like
6 today we allowed George Anderson to speak in and Gayla,
7 and in both cases it was very helpful. That isn't
8 exactly proposals but having -- especially when we have
9 a small number of commenters, giving them as much
10 freedom as possible is great.

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12 And then that also answers the oral or
13 written preference; what works for the commenter.

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15 I kind of missed the third question,
16 I'm not sure if I've got it quite right. So the
17 third.....

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19 MS. WESSELS: Okay, I can reread it
20 Dan. I can reread it. The third question, would it be
21 helpful to the Council if OSM requests the written
22 public comments to be submitted to your Council
23 Coordinator prior to the meeting within a certain time
24 period and the Coordinator, in turn, will summarize the
25 comments and present them to the Council during the
26 meeting.

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28 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay, thank you, that
29 clarifies it. I would like to have a policy where we
30 encourage that but -- but that wouldn't preclude any
31 other way. And I could see some place where like in a
32 bigger city area where you might get flooded with an
33 activist group where you might need to control it but
34 out here we don't have that issue. And I also -- I
35 really hesitate to have a commenter's comments possibly
36 misread or summarized in a way that didn't really get
37 to the original commenter's intent. So I'm kind of
38 uncomfortable with that.

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40 The same idea with summarizing or doing
41 things verbatim. Unless it's like a 10 page comment
42 where summarizing would probably be necessary but it's
43 my experience most people are a whole lot less
44 talkative than me and do their best to get their point
45 directly and I would rather hear it directly.

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47 Okay.

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49 MS. WESSELS: Okay. Okay, yeah, I

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1 wrote this all down, Dan, that's great. You know you
2 hit the nail on the head of terms of us, you know,
3 regarding summarizing the comments because some of the
4 more populous areas they tend to have many more public
5 members commenting on the proposals and some other
6 Councils, not yours, you know, are getting flooded with
7 comments, but we are -- this agenda item, this
8 testimony protocol is on all the Council's meeting
9 agendas this meeting cycle. So, you know, it's
10 important to consider all the Councils opinions so your
11 opinion is very important and I noted, i wrote down
12 what you said.

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14 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
15 you, Katya. Any other Council member comments.

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17 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair, Richard
18 here.

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20 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Richard,
21 please, go ahead.

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23 MR. WILSON: Yes. I think this
24 Council's been doing a very good job on allowing public
25 comment and we've given, and we tend to give a lot of
26 opportunities and like Dan was mentioning there, you
27 know, some of our people are very shy but have very,
28 you know, needed demands. And everybody comes across
29 in a different way so we're a very open-minded Council
30 and I'd like to keep it that way. You know and that
31 way no matter what walk you are in life, you know,
32 there's an opportunity here for you -- for them to be
33 heard. Okay.

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35 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
36 you, Richard.

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38 MS. WESSELS: Thank you.

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40 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay,
41 anybody else.

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43 MR. TREFON: Yeah, Billy here. I'd
44 like to just make a comment that, yeah, I agree with
45 Richard there and it is a good idea we keep it open
46 like we have in the past. Because from when I first
47 got in -- my first experience with having commenters
48 coming to our meetings in Dillingham, when the local
49 school and the community came in and did their
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1 presentations, and those were just what they came in
2 with and they wrote their own presentations so, yeah, I
3 think we should keep it open and keep an open mind.

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5 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Very good,
6 thank you, Billy. Anybody else.

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8 (No comments)

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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. And I
11 would just offer, too, Katya, that I also agree that we
12 need to keep it open. We are here for the people who
13 are subsisting off this land and we want to hear them,
14 we need to hear from them and whatever forum that
15 they're most comfortable communicating is the forum
16 that I would like them to be able to communicate
17 because people will tend to be more open and free with
18 their thoughts when they're comfortable. And I would
19 also add that I've been very grateful that Orville Lind
20 has joined us as a liaison. I think it's been very
21 helpful knowing that he directs a lot of a time to the
22 tribes in our areas and reaching out to those that
23 aren't as comfortable in a public setting, and I think
24 that that has brought us more input than what we might
25 have had otherwise and I would definitely like to see
26 that continued as well to assist in those areas.

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28 So does that give you kind of what
29 you're looking for?

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31 MS. WESSELS: Yes. Definitely. I
32 guess I will ask a follow-up question, Nanci. I mean
33 Orville is a Native -- Subsistence Native Liaison for
34 the Office of Subsistence Management and he covers all
35 the 10 subsistence regions. Do you think that it would
36 be beneficial if Orville would have some help in this
37 reaching out. I know that he is familiar with people
38 in your region and with the tribes, you know, like from
39 the Council's standpoint, you know, just to make
40 Orville's job easier, would it be helpful to have to --
41 so he gets some help from others.

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43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: I guess in
44 my opinion, I would not be able to answer that because
45 I don't know how burdened he is with requests. I just
46 am wanting to note that I have noticed and seen
47 instances where he has brought communication forward
48 when somebody was uncomfortable doing it themselves and
49 I appreciated that. But I don't think I'm qualified to
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1 answer that question.

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3 MR. LIND: Madame Chair.

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5 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes.

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7 MR. LIND: This is Orville, can I have a
8 minute?

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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: You may have
11 the whole entire floor, Orville.

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13 (Laughter)

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15 MR. LIND: Camai everyone. Hello.
16 Bless you all. I was just listening to folks speak and
17 I just wanted to reassure you that with the fine team
18 that I have at OSM that we'll continue to build our
19 relationships and our outreach efforts in all regions
20 of the state, all 10 regions. I truly enjoy what I do.
21 We just have a wonderful team. We're almost full
22 staffed again, so I think it'll make it a whole lot
23 easier for each of us to continue to do the work we do
24 and really do a better job at it.

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26 And that's all I had to say. Hello to
27 you all, Bristol Bay.

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29 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,
30 Orville, and welcome back home.

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32 MR. WILSON: Good to hear you Orville.

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34 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair.

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36 MR. ANDERSON: This is Norm.

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38 MR. LIND: Hey, Norm, good to hear you.

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40 MR. ANDERSON: Hey, Orville.

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42 MR. LIND: Congratulations to be

43 on.....

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45 MR. ANDERSON: Hey, Orville. Orville,
46 I'm glad to hear that you're on here, I just
47 volunteered you to do more outreach in the region.

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49 (Laughter)

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1 MR. ANDERSON: Thank you for
2 volunteering.

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4 MR. LIND: Absolutely. With your help,
5 I think we can do wonders.

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7 MR. ANDERSON: (In Native)

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9 MR. LIND: (In Native)

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11 MR. ANDERSON: (In Native)

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13 (Laughter)

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15 MR. ANDERSON: Good to hear your voice.

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17 MR. TREFON: Hey, Orville, this is
18 Billy here. The question was asked, do you need help
19 -- more help.

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21 MR. LIND: You know, I always could use
22 some help, especially when it comes to outreach in
23 regions that, you know, have changed hands, for
24 example, tribal leaders, corporation leaders. I know
25 your folks pretty well up at Lake Clark, Nondalton,
26 Lake Iliamna area fairly well, but if I get stuck I
27 know to call you. Now that Norman's on board, I'm
28 excited about that, you know, when things change hands
29 I can reach out to him, and I know he has friends and
30 relatives all the way down the chain and so I'm looking
31 forward to a better outreach -- continue our outreach
32 efforts and we can only add better things to it.

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34 MR. ANDERSON: We're here to break
35 trail.

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37 MR. LIND: There you go buddy.

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39 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Amen.

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41 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair.

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43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yep.

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45 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, I think Billy
46 pretty much answered my question there, or asked the
47 question, what does Orville need. A couple years ago I
48 think Orville was short staffed and I was talking to
49 him in the summer trying to help him get connected to
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1 people. But if he says he needs help, Katya, then I
2 hope the bosses listen and help him out because that's
3 a pretty big task. And I know in the summer around
4 here it can be really hard to track people down. Okay.

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6 MR. WILSON: Orville's our Washington
7 connection.

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9 (Laughter)

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11 MR. LIND: I'd use Washington very
12 lightly.

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14 (Laughter)

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16 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.
17 Katya, do you need anything else from us for Item No.
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20 MS. WESSELS: No, I received everything
21 that I was hoping. I think the Council had a good
22 discussion and I understand the Council position in
23 relationship to receiving public testimony during the
24 Council meeting. So I will just summarize it for the
25 general discussion at OSM about this protocol. It's
26 our internal protocol so, you know, we just -- I will
27 -- I guess we can inform the Council during the fall
28 meetings what was the outcome, you know, if we changed
29 our internal process or not.

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31 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.
32 Thanks.

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34 MS. HOSETH: Madame Chair, this is
35 Gayla.

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37 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Yes.

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39 MS. HOSETH: This is Gayla. I just
40 didn't know if you were going to call on the public to
41 weigh in on the public testimony protocol.

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43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Absolutely,
44 Gayla, I have an open.....

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46 MS. HOSETH: Okay, thanks. I'm like
47 jumping up and down. So, you know, this is something
48 that we do for education outreach within BBNA here in
49 the Natural Resources Department and I see a real need

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1 of getting the word out and we do the best that we can,
2 you know, to get the public involved and then also to
3 educate the process, the proposal process and the
4 testimony process. One thing that I think I -- years
5 back, attending the Federal Subsistence Board meeting
6 is to where, you know, on that Federal Subsistence
7 Board website, if there was a -- I'm not sure what the
8 heck it's called but where we could sign up for
9 automatic -- a Listserve in our email boxes kind of
10 like the State of Alaska does, if there's any changes
11 or anything that comes out to where we could
12 automatically sign up to know what's happening within
13 these -- within the RACs and within the Federal
14 Subsistence Board on issues that we want to follow. I
15 think that that would be really helpful for the public
16 to know. And then also it just seems like us calling
17 in on a teleconference line today, two years into this
18 pandemic, that with having a Teams platform and/or a
19 Zoom platform, I'm pretty sure U.S. Fish and Wildlife
20 has to work on a Teams platform, but to where we could
21 at least be -- to where we could see people and have
22 that engagement, still face to face. And I even think
23 that after this pandemic are over and people are still
24 meeting face to face, but the public testimony, we
25 should have the technology with the whole
26 Infrastructure Bill, with broadband coming, that we
27 should have video/teleconference public testimony
28 opportunities both at our RACs and at the Federal
29 Subsistence Board meetings. When we're at the Federal
30 Subsistence Board meetings, there's a lot of people
31 that are on the phone like we are right now, and that
32 would be really helpful to see the people who have that
33 capability and then also still have the telephone line
34 to call in.

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36 So I just wanted to add that.

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38 And then it would be really nice for us
39 to review the public testimony protocol. I was kind of
40 trying to search for it and search for it to see what
41 the protocol, maybe it's a document that's being formed
42 right now, I don't know if I caught that at the
43 beginning of the conversation, but to really look at
44 what that protocol states for public testimony and
45 weigh in on that, kind of where there could be some
46 tightening up of getting that education and outreach
47 also.

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49 Thank you.

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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: No, thank
2 you, Gayla. Appreciate you taking the time to give us
3 some testimony on this. And I would also like to open
4 the floor up to anybody else out there who might want
5 to give public testimony after I ask either Robbin or
6 Katya if there is current protocol available for Gayla
7 to see, that they're aware of.

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9 MS. WESSELS: I would be able to answer
10 this question, Madame Chair. This is Katya. So it's
11 actually at this point, it was just a temporary
12 protocol that was exclusively developed for the fall
13 2021 meetings. It was our internal protocol, it was
14 not for public distribution. If we come up with
15 something more official then we can definitely publish
16 it on our website. We are planning to provide a more
17 detailed explanation on how public can provide their
18 oral and written testimony on our website so it's more
19 clear to the public. There is opportunities that I
20 outlined earlier, you know, like I listed four
21 opportunities. I believe that not everybody is aware
22 of all these opportunities and the specific purpose of
23 each opportunity so I think the informational part
24 needs to be available to the public for sure on our
25 website so we're working towards having that on our
26 website.

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28 So I hope that answers your question,
29 Gayla.

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31 MS. HOSETH: Through the Chair, yes it
32 does, thank you.

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34 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,
35 Katya. Is there any other public members who'd like to
36 comment on this portion of the agenda.

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38 (No comments)

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40 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay,
41 hearing none, let's go ahead and move on to Item I,
42 briefing and Council comments on proposed actions to
43 automate Federal subsistence permits. And that's you
44 again, Katya, correct.

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46 MS. WESSELS: Yes, that's correct. So
47 this is not an action item. And for the record this is
48 Katya Wessels.

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1 One of the many governing statutes that
2 cover the Federal Subsistence Management Program is the
3 Paperwork Reduction Act, formerly referred to as the
4 PRA. This law requires all Federal departments and
5 agencies to gain approval through the Office of
6 Management and Budget, OMB, prior to the collection of
7 information from the public. In regards to our
8 Program, this collection of information can be the
9 information you provide on your permits, the data
10 supplied to nominate to serve, or to continue your
11 service on the Regional Advisory Councils, but it also
12 covers the signage used for fishwheels, nets and buoy
13 markers. Even the requirements to submit a lower moose
14 jaw, the sealing of untanned animal skins, and other
15 biological submissions are covered under this statute.

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17 This law was designed to protect you,
18 the public, from unreasonable requirements to provide
19 data and/or personal information without justification.
20 The process to gain approval to collect information
21 from OMB generally takes a year, but can be as long as
22 18 months. An agency must, in short, provide the
23 reasons this information will be collected, what it
24 will be used for, how it may be used outside of the
25 original intent, who will have access to the
26 information, and how it will be stored. This clearance
27 is valid for three years and must be resubmitted prior
28 to the expiration date.

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30 Another governing statute that covers
31 our Program is the E-Government Act. The purpose of
32 this law is to improve the management and promotion of
33 electronic government services and requires using
34 Internet-based information technology to improve
35 citizen access to government information and services.
36 You see this is in our Program, in our webpage,
37 providing news releases, meeting materials, and other
38 information, and in the use of social media which
39 allows for the swift notifications regarding special
40 actions, meetings, and submissions of regulatory
41 proposals. Our webpage and social media sites are
42 monitored by DOI 24/7 to ensure we meet all
43 requirements of the law and departmental policies.

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45 After the most recent OMB clearance to
46 collect information from the public, OMB contacted our
47 office and tasked us with exploring the use of
48 automated permits within our Program. Many issues
49 would accompany the use of automated permits and must
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1 be addressed before any attempt is made to use internet
2 permits.

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5 OSM is asking the Councils and the
6 public for ideas as to how the issuing of permits might
7 look in the future. Any and all ideas are welcome.
8 There are several overriding factors that must be
9 understood. All Federal permits must be issued by a
10 Federal agency and cannot be delegated to a non-Federal
11 entity, such as a local or State entity or a tribal
12 government. The cost must be considered, the Program
13 has limited budget and excessive costs cannot be
14 absorbed to the detriment of Board and Council meetings
15 or the Fisheries Resource Monitoring Program. a paper
16 permit will still have to be carried into the field for
17 proof when addressing law enforcement or field Staff.

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Some of the issues that might be
addressed.

How can we verify a person is a
Federally-qualified user.

How do we address the lack of or
substandard infrastructure in rural communities if
internet permits are issued.

How will managers address quotas,
and/or limit the amount of permits issued in the case
of conservation concerns.

How will managers deal with the lack of
reporting of harvest results in the case of power
failures or lack of the internet. Especially when
reporting requirements are listed as 48 or 72 hours due
to severe conservation concerns.

How would this possible change affect
subsistence users.

What method of issuing permits would be
preferred by subsistence users.

While this is not a formal request for
comments, we ask that any comments be sent to
subsistence at fws.gov by November 15, 2022. More
information will be provided to the Councils as this
process moves forward.

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1 This concludes my presentation on this
2 topic and does the Council have any questions or do you
3 have any feedback on some of the questions posed, any
4 ideas from the Council or the public on the issuing of
5 the permits to be automated internet systems.

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7 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Wow, okay,
8 Katya, it sounds like you've given us a big task there.

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10 MS. WESSELS: I know. I know. I'm
11 sorry about it. I wish, you know, you had some of the
12 questions in front of you. But, you know, if the
13 Council wouldn't have any comments right now, I would
14 -- depending on when your meeting is, you can provide
15 some of your comments in the fall because it's November
16 15th. Also, you know, public can provide comments by
17 November 15th to our general inbox, subsistence at
18 fws.gov.

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20 So I can reread some of the questions
21 here.

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23 So let's say if decided that the
24 permits are issued through the internet, some internet
25 portal, so the questions that we're asking is, how can
26 we verify a person is a Federally-qualified user.

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28 How do we address the lack of
29 substandard infrastructure in rural communities if
30 internet permits are used.

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32 How will managers address quota and/or
33 limit the amount of permits issued in the case of
34 conservation concerns.

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36 How will managers deal with the lack of
37 reporting of harvest reports in the case of power
38 failures or lack of the internet especially when
39 reporting requirements are listed as 48 or 72 hours due
40 to severe conservation concerns.

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42 How would this possible change affect
43 subsistence users.

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45 What method of issuing of permits would
46 be preferred by subsistence users.

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48 And you also need to remember that this
49 initiative, you know, it comes from OMB, Office of
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1 Management and Budget, and that's an initiative for the
2 entire country and other regions, of course, don't have
3 these issues with infrastructure, internet failures,
4 poor connectivity as we have in Alaska so I think that
5 it would be good for our Program to provide some
6 feedback to OMB prior to them imposing the automated
7 permits on us so they realize what kind of issues we
8 will be faced with, and they will be faced with in
9 Alaska situations.

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11 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair, Richard.

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13 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes, please.

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15 (Laughter)

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17 MR. WILSON: I'm just -- I mean there's
18 a lot there to absorb but I mean, you know, if it ain't
19 broke, why try to fix it kind of attitude. I mean, you
20 know, this automated thing seems like it's -- you just
21 -- you're looking for a lot of other people to find
22 loopholes and it just opens it up for more loopholes.
23 I mean is there a problem with the way it's working
24 now, why do we have to go automated if our communities
25 here are being serviced, you know, with permits
26 already.

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28 Comment, that's all.

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30 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair.

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32 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead.

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34 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay, or did you have
35 something to respond to Richard, I'll wait.

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37 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: No, not so
38 much a response is I -- just that I'm agreeing with
39 what he's saying and basically everything that -- all
40 the questions can be turned around into statements as
41 to why we would question; if that would be a good idea
42 for us.

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44 Go ahead, Dan.

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46 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you. I've been
47 more and more using some of the electronic systems with
48 the state of Alaska, buy licenses and king stamps and
49 in that regard it's a wonderful thing that all of a
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1 sudden you have an unexpected opportunity to go, say,
2 king fishing, and you didn't buy a stamp, you don't
3 have to wait until 10:00 in the morning for the grocery
4 store to open to buy one.

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6 But before I go any further -- I have
7 several thoughts, but before I go any further, is there
8 any possible way you could email this list of
9 questions. That's a ton to absorb and if we could get
10 it in an email and we could print it out it would give
11 us more opportunity to ponder on this.

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13 But one suggestion would be to consult
14 with the State of Alaska in a lot of their electronic
15 licensing and reporting process. I got a letter the
16 other day, or an email the other day that, you haven't
17 reported one of your harvest tickets and I'd forgotten
18 and, you know, I could answer in a few minutes instead
19 of waiting for the weekend to get over with. There are
20 the challenges, like we had internet outage for two
21 days here when the wind took out some antenna
22 somewhere. But I think the State's working around
23 this. If you lose your license you can come up with a
24 duplicate online at 2:00 in the morning or 2:00 in the
25 afternoon on Sunday and some of that system is getting
26 better and better and so I would say look to the State.

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28 Also, anymore, I try to keep an
29 electronic copy of my license receipt on my phone and
30 even if I'm not in cell range out on the Nushagak River
31 I can produce a copy of the receipt that says I have a
32 license and a king stamp and I bought it on this day.
33 And so to the extent that that can work for folks I
34 would encourage you working that way, maybe that would
35 free people up to deal with the remaining folks that
36 don't have electronic access.

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38 But, yeah, there's a lot of important
39 questions to be answered before it gets fully
40 implemented. But, anyway, things to consider.

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42 Thank you.

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44 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Commen.....

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46 MS. WESSELS: Yeah, through the Chair,
47 Madame Chair, this is Katya. Dan, I just want to say
48 that I sent the entire briefing that I read to all the
49 Council members a minute ago so you will have it in

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1 front of you.

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3 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,
4 Katya.

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6 MR. ANDERSON: Madame Chair, this is
7 Norm.

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9 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes, Norm.

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11 MR. ANDERSON: Katya, in response to
12 Richard's comment, the -- Katya prefaced this with the
13 government and their constant desire for paperwork
14 reduction. I know there's a whole bunch of it. Even if
15 you read on the back of your income taxes after --
16 there's volumes of things, the last thing is that
17 they're complying with the Paperwork Reduction Act.
18 And -- but to make a comment about what she said about
19 if there's a valid Federal subsistence users, in
20 reference to tribal hunters, the majority of the tribal
21 members have got tribal identification cards that could
22 be used as identification. Just one of the things.

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24 I'm looking forward to reading the rest
25 of those. I tried to make notes on them but I couldn't
26 keep up, so, thank you.

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28 MS. WESSELS: Thank you.

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30 MR. ANDERSON: Yeah, yeah.

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32 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.
33 Billy. Lary. Anything you'd like to add.

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35 MR. TREFON: This is Billy here.

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37 MR. HILL: Madame Chair.

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39 MR. TREFON: Yeah, Billy here. I
40 really got nothing other than like what Dan was saying,
41 to see if we could get that information emailed to us
42 because that is a lot of information to absorb.

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44 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes, and
45 she's got it emailed and it's already appeared in my
46 box.

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48 MR. TREFON: All right.

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1 MR. HILL: Madame Chair, this is Lary.
2 I don't like the word, fully automated. Nothing can
3 ever be really fully automated, you got to have the
4 human equation in there. And other than that, I think
5 the question before, is, who is eligible. That's the
6 thing that always gets us bogged down, who is eligible
7 to receive these permits. And I don't know how to get
8 this information other than like perhaps like what
9 Norman said go through the tribal ID cards.

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11 That's all.

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13 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, good.
14 Thank you, very much, appreciate that Lary.

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16 Okay, Katya, I think that's what we
17 have for you today. And then I.....

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19 MS. WESSELS: Yes, this is great, thank
20 you.

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22 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, good.
23 Yeah, and then I would ask my Council members to ponder
24 these questions and we'll have another opportunity this
25 fall to add anything to that that we can think of. And
26 I should also not be remiss and see if there's any
27 public comment from anybody that would like to share.

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29 MS. HOSETH: Madame Chair, this is
30 Gayla.

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32 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Gayla,
33 please, go ahead.

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35 MS. HOSETH: Yeah, and I guess the
36 public could weigh in on this. I know like there's
37 some areas like in the -- you know, the areas that are
38 surrounded by Federal land and they're on the road
39 system there for this automatic permit system. I could
40 see that that might be where this might be generated
41 and definitely have the other RACs weigh in on this
42 issue. So if we have until November 15th to comment on
43 this, that would be great that we could look at it and
44 provide a good public comment regarding this issue
45 because I could see people in -- in our rural areas, I
46 don't -- this is working out, our system that we have
47 right now works good for us and especially for that
48 Nushagak Peninsula caribou hunt, you know, the tribes
49 are involved with issuing those permits as well and
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1 people just go to the tribal office and/or Togiak
2 Wildlife Refuge to get their permits. I could see
3 along the road system where you have all those
4 different Federal hunts where some of the local
5 residents in those areas might really weigh in on this
6 issue for automated permits.

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8 So I'll help get the word out and if we
9 could -- if, you know, we could get this so that we
10 could start talking about this so that we could provide
11 adequate comment on those of us who will be affected by
12 this.

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14 Thank you.

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16 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes.
17 Anybody else from the public care to comment.

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19 (No comments)

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21 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.
22 Hearing none, I'm glad we were able to give you
23 something on that. Let's move on to J and it looks
24 like that's you again Katya. Briefing on the
25 Secretarial regulations proposing the inclusion of
26 identified submerged lands in the Tongass National
27 Forest.

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29 MS. WESSELS: Yes, thank you, Madame
30 Chair. Sorry guys, you know, you're probably tired of
31 me by now. But I know this is not in your area but we
32 were asked to present it to all the Councils. So this
33 is an information brief only and no action is required
34 on the part of the Council.

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36 This is the second rulemaking on this
37 subject. The first taking place with the publication
38 of a proposed rule in June 2016 and the final rule in
39 May 2018.

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41 To comply with a court order,
42 Peratrovich, et al., versus United State and the state
43 of Alaska. The Secretaries were directed to initiate
44 regulatory proceedings to identify those submerged
45 lands within the Tongass National Forest that did not
46 pass to the state of Alaska at statehood, and,
47 therefore, remain Federal public lands subject to
48 Federal subsistence provisions. This task was
49 forwarded to the Federal Subsistence Board by the
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1 Secretaries. This proposed rule would add to the list
2 of submerged parcels in the Federal subsistence
3 regulations that have been identified through agency
4 review. The purpose of this proposed rule is to
5 complete regulatory proceedings addressing submerged
6 public lands within the Tongass National Forest, as
7 directed by the court.

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9 The majority of these subsistence [sic]
10 lands are low-water lines, reefs, rocks and very small
11 islands, 100 yards to a half a mile in length.

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13 This document is expected to be
14 published in the Federal Register in February 2022 and
15 will have a 60 day comment period. The exact dates
16 will be announced news release and social media.

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18 If you or the public desires to comment
19 on this proposed rule you may submit comments by one of
20 the following methods:

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22 Electronically. Go to the Federal
23 rulemaking portal <https://www.regulations.gov>. In the
24 search box enter the docket number FWS-R7-SM-2018-0013.
25 Then, click on the search button. On the resulting
26 page, in the search panel on the left side of the
27 screen, under the document type heading, check the
28 proposed rule box to locate this document. You may
29 submit a comment by clicking on comment.

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31 And you can also submit your comment by
32 hard copy. Submitted by U.S. mail or hand delivery:
33 Public comments processing, attention FWS-R7-SM-2018-
34 0013; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, 5275 Leesburg,
35 Pike, MS: PRB (JAO/3W), Falls Church Virginia 22041-
36 3803.

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38 As a Council, if you desire to comment
39 on this proposed rule you may submit your comment to
40 your Council Coordinator.

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42 So this concludes my presentation of
43 this topic.

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45 Thank you.

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47 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, yeah,
48 so this one was for information only. Does this
49 Council have any comments or questions for Katya.

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1 (No comments)

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4 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay,
5 hearing none. If the Council wants to move forward
6 with anything they think of later, it's a very long
7 address that Katya shared, or just.....

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9 MS. WESSELS: I know.

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11 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON:

12directly to our Council Coordinator.

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14 MS. HOSETH: Madame Chair, this is
15 Gayla. I hate to keep giving comment here but I think
16 it's important.

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18 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Oh,
19 absolutely, Gayla, we welcome that.

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21 MS. HOSETH: Okay, thank you, Madame
22 Chair. You know with these -- the last three items
23 here, I mean I got as far as regulations.gov, I was
24 trying to follow with Katya as she was speaking but I
25 know that, you know, being asked to present this to all
26 of the RACs on an important issue, we should be able to
27 have access to the document at least on the -- the
28 Bristol Bay section of this meeting as materials to be
29 handed out so we could follow and look at the materials
30 to see if we wanted to weigh in on that.

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32 I know that a lot of people ban
33 together to help support people in different regions
34 around the state of Alaska. And, yeah, it's in the
35 record that this was told to our RAC, but I don't even
36 know where to go. So I guess for future meetings for
37 handouts that we have as a part of our agenda items, if
38 we could have the material that's being presented so
39 that we could follow as the public and also for the
40 Council members would be most helpful.

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42 Thank you.

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44 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, thank
45 you. I.....

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47 MS. WESSELS: Yeah, Madame Chair, this
48 is Katya.

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50 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead.

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1 MS. WESSELS: Yes, thank you for your
2 comments, Gayla. That's actually a great suggestion.
3 I realize how difficult it is to follow along with when
4 I read the web addresses or the docket numbers so we
5 might be able to publish this information actually, you
6 know, maybe by tomorrow on our website. I just need to
7 talk with some people internally here. So, you know,
8 if the public would want to look at it after the
9 meeting is over, it should be there.

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11 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,
12 Katya. Yeah, it sounds like there's definitely an
13 interest, if we could get that posted it would be
14 helpful.

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16 MR. HILL: This is Lary, question for
17 Katya through the Chair.

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19 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead.

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21 MR. HILL: I was wondering why, why
22 does it have to be -- these submerged lands to be
23 included in the Tongass National Forest, what is being
24 done on those areas that would make it necessary to
25 include them within the Tongass National Forest?

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27 MS. WESSELS: Madame Chair. As I
28 mentioned earlier, when the state of Alaska statehood,
29 you know, the Act was passed, there is some Federal
30 public lands that, you know, did not pass to the state
31 of Alaska and basically those are the lands like what I
32 said, the low lying -- low water lines, reefs, rocks,
33 small islands that, you know, they're proposing to
34 include in the Tongass National Forest because they're
35 not State lands, they're just submerged lands.

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37 So that's, you know, I hope that
38 answers your question but perhaps there is other --
39 more qualified OSM Staff. I am not a subject matter
40 expert specifically on this to give you a more detailed
41 answer.

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43 MS. KENNER: Hey, Katya, this is Pippa
44 Kenner.

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46 MS. WESSELS: Yes, Pippa, go ahead.

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48 MS. KENNER: Madame Chair. One of the
49 reasons why these lands -- the recognition of these

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1 lands and waters is important is because this is where
2 Federal regulations will apply. Currently Federal
3 regulations do not apply on these lands and waters and
4 acknowledging the transfer puts them under Federal
5 Subsistence Board jurisdiction for the purposes of
6 managing fish and wildlife.

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8 Thank you.

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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
11 you.

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13 MR. RISDAHL: Madame Chairman.

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15 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes.

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17 MR. RISDAHL: This is Greg Risdahl with
18 the U.S. Forest Service Program Leader for Subsistence
19 and InterAgency Staff Committee member. Just to answer
20 the question that was asked a moment ago by one of the
21 Council members. To make it very simple, these are
22 things like logging transfer sites, where logs were
23 brought to shore and they were sawed up or they were
24 prepared for shipping and things like that. So that's
25 basically what they were. They're very small parcels
26 of land scattered around and there's very little, if
27 any, evidence of many of these sites anymore because
28 much of the area where this logging activity took place
29 has been -- it's changed, you know, land form changes,
30 beaches have been cleaned up and things have been
31 healed by Mother Nature, if you will. But there was an
32 interest to find out where these places were and I
33 don't have all the history of it because I didn't work
34 on it but there are definitely Staff at the Forest
35 Service office that know a lot about these sites if a
36 person is really interested. But basically that's what
37 it is. Folks were interested in, hey, aren't these
38 Federal sites, shouldn't we include these into the
39 Federal Management Program as well.

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41 So that's what's happened. They've
42 listed all these old log transfer sites and such where
43 they handled logs in the early days and it's just taken
44 a long time for the process to move forward. Katya did
45 mention that the Federal Register document is supposed
46 to be signed this month and as it often happens, when
47 those documents are sent to Washington, D.C., and
48 there's personnel changes and things, it takes a little
49 while for that to take place. So the signatures are

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1 forthcoming and I've been -- there's another Staff
2 person that I work with that is tracking that process
3 and, hopefully, very soon, the signature document will
4 come back to our Regional Forester, that's Dave Schmid,
5 and he will sign off on that and then it will be done.
6 And this is, as I think Katya mentioned, this is the
7 second phase of that process.

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9 So, anyway, if there's more questions
10 there's a lot of information available if somebody is
11 very interested in that, we can get that to them.

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13 Thank you, very much, Madame Chair.

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15 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,
16 Greg. Lary, does that answer your question?

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18 MR. HILL: Well, not all of it, but
19 okay, I mean what kind of activities were taking place
20 on those islands but basically I'm done, asked and
21 answered. Thank you.

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23 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
24 you, Lary.

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26 MS. KENNER: Madame Chair, this is
27 Pippa Kenner.

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29 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Pippa, go
30 ahead.

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32 MS. KENNER: Hi, yeah, sorry to
33 interrupt. I just wanted to say that one of the reasons
34 why it's being brought to this Council is these are
35 changes that will happen in general regulations that
36 are statewide, and this is one of the reasons why we're
37 bringing it to all the Councils, so they're aware that
38 these changes are being made.

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40 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
41 you for that. Any other Council member comments,
42 questions.

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44 MR. TREFON: Yeah, this is Billy, I got
45 one. How will these changes affect us in the Bristol
46 Bay region?

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48 MS. KENNER: I happen to be here, this
49 is Pippa Kenner. It won't affect the Bristol Bay

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1 region at all. Thank you, Madame Chair.

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3 MR. TREFON: Thank you.

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5 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.

6 Anybody else.

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8 (No comments)

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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Thank

11 you for that information, Katya, Pippa, Greg,

12 appreciate all you guys participating in it. Now, let's

13 move on to Item.....

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15 (Teleconference interference -

16 participants not muted)

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18 MS. WESSELS: Madame Chair, you're

19 breaking up.

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21 REPORTER: Yeah, Nanci, I'm having a

22 hard time hearing you.

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24 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Better now.

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26 REPORTER: Yeah, go ahead, try again.

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28 MS. LAVINE: I think, actually, this is

29 Robbin, and we can hear you but there is somebody who's

30 line is not mute who sounds kind of active so for all

31 of you online please note whether you are muted and if,

32 if you can, please mute your line unless you are

33 addressing the Council.

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35 Thank you.

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37 And, Madame Chair, proceed.

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39 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.

40 And, hopefully you can hear me clearly now. I was

41 offering that we should move on to Item K, and I'm

42 wondering, Robbin, if you're prepared to take the lead

43 on that, which is.....

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45 MS. LAVINE: Ah, thank you, Madame

46 Chair.

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48 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON:the

49 anti-trapping.....

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1 MS. LAVINE: I'm only briefly able to
2 take the lead. This is a bill -- let's see, hang on
3 folks. I have -- I know that this was something that
4 was brought to our attention just last night at the --
5 by Council Member Dan Dunaway. The bill that we are
6 looking at House of Representatives Bill 47-16, it's a
7 bill to end the use of body gripping traps in the
8 National Wildlife Refuge system nationwide. At the
9 beginning of our meeting it was acknowledged Togiak
10 National Wildlife Refuge Manager, Kenton Moos, before
11 he departed, he gave us a brief update on this bill.
12 Just one moment, I'm looking at my notes.

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14 MS. ALEXANDER: Madame Chair. Robbin.

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16 MS. LAVINE: And.....

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18 MS. ALEXANDER: Robbin.

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20 MS. ALEXANDER: Hi, I'm sorry to cut
21 you off, this is Susan Alexander, the manager of Alaska
22 Peninsula and Becharof Refuge. robbin, I don't by any
23 means mean to cut you off but if you would like I can
24 kind of pick up the thread from where Kenton left off
25 and provide some information on the bill and what has
26 happened up to date in relation to it. But definitely
27 don't mean to steal the show from you, Robbin, but I
28 just wanted to let you know I'm available if you'd like
29 me to do that.

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31 MS. LAVINE: Oh, absolutely proceed,
32 I'd be grateful, thank you.

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34 (Laughter)

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36 MS. ALEXANDER: No worries.

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38 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,
39 Susan.

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41 MS. ALEXANDER: Madame Chair. Council.
42 Hello, this is Susan Alexander, again, for the record,
43 Refuge Manager, Alaska Peninsula and Becharof National
44 Wildlife Refuges.

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46 And so to pick up where my colleague
47 left off and I wanted to actually repeat one or two
48 things that he said. Just some general information
49 about the bill. It has been introduced and there's
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1 been a hearing within the Natural Resources Committee
2 of the House of Representatives to prohibit what they
3 call body gripping traps on National Wildlife Refuges.
4 And the way that is defined is: "any device that is
5 intended to kill or capture wildlife by physically
6 restraining any part of the animal." There's an
7 exception for caged or box live traps but the bill does
8 explicitly state that it includes field, leg hold
9 traps, kill type traps, snares, so it is comprehensive
10 and it covers both trapping by the public and the use
11 of trapping as a management tool by the Fish and
12 Wildlife Service.

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14 At this time my understanding from the
15 folks that I work with in my original that there does
16 not appear to be forward momentum on the bill.
17 However, I wanted to fill you in also on just what has
18 happened to date in terms of the response of the Fish
19 and Wildlife Service and a couple of other parties.

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21 And also just to let you know that the
22 Fish and Wildlife Service in Alaska are very aware that
23 trapping across Alaska has a strong traditional and
24 cultural tie to the Alaskan way of life. We are all
25 aware of that, some of us are trappers.

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27 Alaska Refuges also have a statutory
28 purpose in ANILCA, of course, as you all know to
29 provide for continued subsistence and in that way this
30 bill is in conflict with ANILCA because it does not
31 provide any exception for subsistence uses.

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33 The Fish and Wildlife Service deputy
34 director provided testimony before the House Committee
35 on Natural Resources and his focus -- this was fairly
36 recent -- I don't have the date but it's been like
37 within the last month, maybe more recently than that,
38 his primary focus was the application of the bill to
39 management activities but he did also, somewhat
40 address, public trapping. He -- sorry, I should back
41 up one step, there is an exception within the bill for
42 Federal agencies to use so-called body restraining
43 traps for management activities to control invasive
44 species or to protect threatened or endangered or
45 sensitive species provided that, quote, bioable non-
46 lethal methods have been attempted first. And it's --
47 there's some grey areas to exactly what that would
48 entail. The Deputy Director did also tell the
49 committee that the Fish and Wildlife Service would like
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1 to work with the sponsor of the bill to ensure that the
2 Service can continue to manage native species that
3 behave like invasives and address concerns related to
4 cost effectiveness because some non-lethal methods are
5 cost prohibitive and to make sure that the legislation
6 uses the most current definition of an invasive
7 species.

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9 The only place that Alaska came up
10 specifically in that testimony was in response to a
11 question from Don Young in relation to this conflict
12 with ANILCA and in response to that question the Deputy
13 Director did state that, yes, it is in conflict with
14 ANILCA. And Congressman Young followed his question
15 with a statement concerning his opposition to the bill
16 and a request to the sponsor of the bill that if it
17 looks like it goes forward that an exemption for Alaska
18 be included.

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20 So that's most of what I know about who
21 has spoken up on this although the Association of Fish
22 and Wildlife agencies, professional organization also
23 provided testimony that they oppose the bill that Fish
24 and Wildlife -- Federal Fish and Wildlife agencies
25 around the country use trapping as a: "modern
26 responsible and humane method to manage wildlife."

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28 So -- and I guess the one other thing I
29 will offer as a Refuge Manager and I feel confident
30 that Kenton would feel the same way is that Refuge
31 Managers in Alaska manage on Refuges consistent with
32 the law, and that law includes ANILCA which establishes
33 continued subsistence use as a statutory purpose.

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35 So those are the notes that I have
36 prepared to give you a little bit of an overview. I'm
37 happy to entertain questions. Hopefully I will know
38 how to answer them, or if not can try to find the
39 answers for you.

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41 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.
42 That's incredibly helpful. And just so my Council
43 members shifted gears properly, this is a House Bill,
44 this is in Washington D.C., this has nothing to do with
45 our Regional Council or Alaska Department of Fish and
46 Game, this is something that has appeared in Committee
47 in Washington, D. C., and with that change of gear to
48 make sure everybody's on the same page, do I have any
49 questions for Susan from the Council.
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1 MR. DUNAWAY: This is Dan here.

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3 MR. ANDERSON: I have not necessarily a

4 question but a comment. I understand this is a

5 national thing but Alaska's history for trapping and

6 that's what brought Seward to Alaska to make the

7 initial purpose from the Hudson Bay Company. The

8 Hudson Bay Company in Russia had a good understanding

9 and working relationship for years to take this away

10 from -- many of the people would cut off economy in

11 many of the villages and subsidizing the economy for

12 other people. So many of the villages only get by by

13 Bingo in the villages and so I think I call B.S. on

14 this one, boy, I tell you. I'm not a trapper myself

15 but I have family members who are.

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17 So thank you very much, I just wanted

18 to make a comment.

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20 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Great.

21 Thank you, that comment's appreciated Norm. Anybody

22 else.

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24 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, Madame Chair, Dan.

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26 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead.

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28 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you. Yeah, this

29 came to my attention just this weekend and I appreciate

30 everybody being willing to tackle it. To kind of go on

31 exactly what Norman was saying, I mean there's a big

32 long list of problems with this bill.

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34 No. 1, it's very deceptive to say, only

35 body gripping traps when ultimately it's nearly every

36 trap with what they call those have a heart live traps.

37 Ironically body gripping traps were developed to be a

38 more humane answer to what the old traditionals steel-

39 jaw foothold traps were. And in my experience, I do a

40 little trapping, body grippers do execute the animal

41 pretty quickly, not always but -- especially in the

42 bigger animals, but for marten they're a major trap

43 used by marten trappers, muskrat trappers, mink, as

44 well as beaver and otter. It would be a real blow to

45 trappers to lose that tool. And then it would take

46 away all the other traps essentially as well. It's

47 misguided and like you said it totally goes against --

48 from a subsistence and economic -- I have all the lines

49 worked out. Right now I can't -- I had a little list

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1 of all the problems with it.

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4 There's a major concern that some
5 people say that the Secretary of Interior at some time
6 prior to being the Secretary was on record as being
7 opposed to trapping so it concerns me that the highest
8 level person that's over OSM and all these other land
9 management agencies is opposed to trapping and maybe
10 being willing to -- you know, you need to question, you
11 know, is she going to support ANILCA and subsistence
12 and Federal subsistence uses, or what.

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And I should point out, you know, I
haven't caught beaver for awhile but I used to eat a
beaver now and then that I caught this way so it's not
just fur or anything, but it can be a way of getting
food as well.

But I wanted to ask Susan Alexander and
Andy Aderman may still be on, what would be the likely
effects on these Refuges in our area if trapping was
eliminated?

Thank you.

MS. ALEXANDER: Thank you, Dan. This
is Susan Alexander. I will say that for the Refuges we
manage we are not currently using trapping as a
management tool. I have worked on other Refuges in the
Lower 48 where we did but we are not currently. And
I'm guessing Andy is on and could perhaps speak to this
in relationship to Togiak.

MR. ADERMAN: Yeah, hello, this is Andy
Aderman, Togiak National Wildlife Refuge. Can you hear
me okay?

MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes, we can,
Andy. Thank you.

MR. ADERMAN: So we're not really using
trapping as an active management tool right now but
like Susan mentioned, other Refuges, and case in point
that comes to mind is in the Maritime Refuge, the
Aleutian Canada Goose was, I believe, in the threatened
category mainly because of the introduced foxes on the
islands where the goose has occurred and they used
trapping to greatly reduce the fox population and then
I think they used some biological control with some

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1 neutered red foxes introduced to take care of the last
2 of the Arctic foxes that were introduced. But that's
3 one example. There's others concerning other species
4 that, you know, in that same endangered or threatened
5 category, I think about nesting spectacled eiders and
6 foxes, you know, wrecking havoc on their nests.
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8 Another example, and this is a little
9 bit off Refuge, but here locally in Dillingham and,
10 really, Southwest Alaska, over the last year there's
11 been an uptick in rabies cases, primarily with red
12 foxes, but we actually had a river otter test positive
13 for rabies here in Dillingham. But trapping's a tool
14 that can greatly reduce the, you know, the number of
15 foxes. And in talking with some of the trappers that
16 target fox and they're finding about a quarter to a
17 third of their foxes with porcupine quills in their
18 face and mouth and stuff like that, and that's usually
19 a sign of starvation or maybe they're rabid and they
20 kind of lose fear, you know, of everything.
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22 So I hope that helps.
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24 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,
25 Andy. Dan, do you have a followup.
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27 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, yeah. When I was
28 asking an effect on these Refuges, I know in Dillingham
29 here there's a few trappers that trap on the Refuge and
30 then like I was saying earlier about wolf and caribou
31 hunting, you know, I've come across some Manokotak
32 folks that have fox on their Sno-Go and so on and I
33 think they conduct a lot of that business under
34 trapping. They use a gun, but I think there's some
35 trappers as well.
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37 So I don't know how many trappers use
38 Becharof Refuge and I'm concerned, too, it could spill
39 over into some of these consumptive use areas along
40 side the Parks, I'm forgetting what -- what do you call
41 them, Resr -- not Reserves but anyway.
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43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Preserves.
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45 MR. DUNAWAY: But anyway they're
46 allowed to hunt in them. Preserves. So, you know,
47 this could be an effect. Trapping isn't big anymore.
48 At times I think anti-fur people are actually almost
49 genocidal against villagers who are totally surrounded
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1 by Refuges and have little alternate economy. So
2 anyway I'll let it go at that and I hope we can
3 continue talking. I -- ultimately I would like to have
4 a conversation, and if not a full letter to the
5 Department of Interior, maybe even our Federal Board,
6 listing our concerns about the progress of this bill.
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8 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, I'd
9 like to remind you, too, that it doesn't appear the
10 bill is going anywhere but, again, perhaps a proactive
11 approach could be better and maybe we should consider,
12 at least, a letter to the heads of the organizations as
13 well as to Don Young.
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15 Other Council members.
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17 MR. TREFON: Yes, Billy here.
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19 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
20 Billy.
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22 MR. TREFON: Yeah, I mean looking at
23 this bill here, I mean it looks like it could create a
24 lot of problems for us here in Alaska and especially
25 like people like in my village, we're surrounded by
26 Federal lands and a lot of our Native allotments are
27 within Park boundaries and within the Park Preserve.
28 And to eliminate trapping, one of the biggest problems
29 we have with animals creating problems for us is
30 beavers and if you eliminate trapping then there's no
31 way we could stop the beavers from taking a good five
32 acres of good land and overnight turning it into
33 wetlands and which you couldn't touch once they become
34 a wetland.
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36 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: That is a
37 very valid concern. Other Council members.
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39 MR. ANDERSON: Yeah, that's a very good
40 point Billy. And dovetailing something that Dan said,
41 yeah, over the years we've seen elimination of the
42 trapping systems, you know, going from lead shot, steel
43 shot and I'm just curious here talking about, what's
44 next, nets? You know we all use nets for commercial
45 and subsistence fishing and just because we can't hear
46 a fish scream when it gets caught, you know, I'm
47 wondering what the (indiscernible - cuts out) or
48 whoever is pushing after this is going to do to us. So
49 I would insist or try to convince the wordsmiths to put
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1 together a letter stating that we're in objection to
2 this.

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4 Thank you.

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6 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.
7 Would other Council members like to.....

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9 MS. ALEXANDER: Madame Chair, this is
10 Susan.

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12 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
13 Susan.

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15 MS. ALEXANDER: Thank you. I just
16 wanted clarify, I looked up to doublecheck that I had
17 this correct, the current status of the bill is that it
18 was introduced to the House of Representatives in July,
19 it was assigned to the House Natural Resources
20 Subcommittee on Water, Oceans and Wildlife and there
21 was the hearing I referred to, was January 20th, and
22 the Congressional website shows no further action after
23 that hearing so it's still in subcommittee.

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25 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
26 you.

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28 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair.

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30 MR. TREFON: Yeah, I'm kind of hoping
31 it doesn't go anywhere because it looks like something
32 that was just put together by another one of them
33 extreme environmentalists out of California.

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35 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair.

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37 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes.

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39 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, this is Dan again.
40 Yeah, thanks folks. I would like to move that we
41 compose a letter expressing our concerns and objections
42 to this bill. We're learning, even looking at the
43 unexpected consequences of our positioning wolf with
44 Sno-Go happened with the Board of Game, you don't dare
45 let these things -- hopefully they just die. You do
46 hope it dies but you don't ignore them or it can come
47 bite you. So I'd move that we compose a letter
48 expressing our concerns and objections including
49 violation of ANILCA, interrupting the economies of
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1 rural Alaska, removing a management tool for agencies
2 and often times the agencies adjust the regulations to
3 ultimately let the public do the management and
4 encourage a higher take of beavers and so on. And I'm
5 not thinking of all the list here right now, but,
6 anyway so moved.

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8 Thank you.

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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.
11 Before we ask for a second, can you please also
12 indicate whom you would like the letter sent to.

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14 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay, yeah, thanks. It
15 seems in the past we've wanted to write letters to some
16 places and they've said maybe we shouldn't or couldn't,
17 but of those that we could, the Federal Subsistence
18 Board, the Secretary of Interior and, if allowed, to
19 our Delegation in Washington, D.C., our two Senators
20 and our Representative.

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22 MR. WILSON: This is Rich Wilson, I'll
23 throw a second on that.

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25 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Say again.

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27 MR. WILSON: Rich. I'd like to comment
28 but it's such a stupid bill that I don't know how to
29 comment on it. We all feel the same about it, I think,
30 but thanks Dan for your input.

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32 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: If we can
33 get a second we'll put it on the table and we can add
34 any additional comments that we want included.

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36 MR. ANDERSON: I'll second, this is
37 Norm.

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39 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
40 you, Norm. So now we have a second. Let's open it up
41 for any other discussion. And I guess let's limit our
42 discussion to the items that you'd like to make sure
43 are mentioned in the letter and, Dan, I'll give the
44 floor to you first.

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46 MR. ANDERSON: This is Norm. And I
47 think in the letter also to include what Dan has said,
48 the prevention of invasive species. I mean if there's
49 nothing going on, you know, if we have anything move

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1 in. I mean in growing up we did some trapping, hunting
2 for fox and things over in Naknek and I never saw a
3 coyote in my entire life until I was in my late 20s,
4 you know, and so there's other things that are moving
5 in.

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7 Thank you.

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9 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Good point.
10 Other Council members.

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12 MS. WESSELS: Madame Chair, this is
13 Katya.

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15 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes, go
16 ahead, Katya.

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18 MS. WESSELS: Yes, I just want to
19 clarify to the Council that, you know, your letter, you
20 can send the letter to the Board with a request to
21 forward it to the Secretary of the Interior or to the
22 Alaska Delegation but the Council can just send letters
23 directly to the Board.

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25 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.

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27 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair, this is
28 Dan.

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30 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead.

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32 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, thank you. Yeah,
33 it seems like you're fading a little bit Nanci, I'm
34 having a harder time hearing you. But, yeah, thank
35 you, Katerina. Yeah, I thought there was a proper
36 route and process for this, so whatever the proper
37 route and process is.

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39 I'd also like to add on invasive
40 species, I think, you know, they imported nutria down
41 there in Louisiana and some of those places and I think
42 trapping is one of the methods they use to control that
43 animal. I hear it munches swamp plants like crazy or
44 it's real hard to control. So anyways I'll let other
45 people have time to comment.

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47 Thank you.

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49 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thanks, Dan.

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1 No, yeah, and you covered that in your motion, your
2 statement that (indiscernible - cuts out)

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4 REPORTER: So, Nanci, you're really
5 breaking up again.

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7 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair, this is
8 Robbin.

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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay,
11 Robbin, go ahead.

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13 MS. LAVINE: Yeah, I was going to say
14 that you're jumping in and out. But I would also --
15 I've been taking notes and I would like to summarize
16 and see if I've captured the very basics of what you're
17 looking for.

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19 You're requesting to write a letter to
20 the Board asking the letter to be forwarded on to the
21 Secretary of Interior and Congressional Delegation.
22 The letter is in opposition to Bill 47-16. The points
23 of your opposition include that it's a violation of
24 ANILCA, the disruption of the subsistence way of life
25 and a disruption of a management tool in the prevention
26 of invasive species. There may be more and I might be
27 able to clarify once we have the transcripts in hand.

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29 Does that sound right, and did I get
30 anything wrong and is there anything you should add.

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32 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: You captured
33 what my memory has. Council members, is there anything
34 she missed that you were thinking should be included.

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36 MR. TREFON: This is Billy, Madame
37 Chair.

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39 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
40 Billy.

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42 MR. TREFON: I was thinking about also
43 getting a copy to our State government, Governor and
44 maybe legislation, the house, so that they could be
45 aware of this thing because it's going to affect the
46 State entirely, not just us.

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48 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.
49 Again, that will go through the Board.

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1 MR. TREFON: Yeah, send a copy of the
2 letter to the state of Alaska.

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4 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay,
5 anybody else.

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7 (No comments)

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9 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: It sounds
10 like you've captured it well, Robbin. We'll look
11 forward to seeing your draft.

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13 MS. LAVINE: And this discussion on
14 record will help flesh it out. Thank you, Madame
15 Chair.

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17 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Absolutely,
18 thank you.

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20 MR. DUNAWAY: And I'd be happy to be
21 available to discuss it if you need to bounce it off
22 somebody. Thank you.

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24 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Dan.

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26 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes, thank
27 you, Dan. Okay, let's move on to our agency reports.

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29 MR. DUNAWAY: Do we vote on the motion.

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31 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Oh, I'm
32 sorry, yes. All's I heard is all kinds of yea -- yes,
33 let's call for the question. All in favor please
34 signify by saying aye.

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36 IN UNISON: Aye.

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38 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Opposed,
39 same sign.

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41 (No opposing votes)

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43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Motion
44 carries. Okay, now, let's go ahead and move on to our
45 agency reports, unless anybody else had any new
46 business that they wanted to bring forward from the
47 Council that we didn't already cover on the agenda.

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49 (No comments)

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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, good,
2 I'm glad to hear we covered most everybody's concerns
3 then for the time being. Agency reports. We'll start
4 with tribal governments. Do we have any Native village
5 councils on board that would like to share.

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7 (No comments)

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9 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay,
10 hearing none, what about Native organizations, BBNA, do
11 you guys have any reports you'd care to share with us.

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13 MS. HOSETH: Yes, Madame Chair. Both
14 Cody Larson and myself do.

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16 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Please, go
17 ahead, I'll give you the floor.

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19 MS. HOSETH: Okay, thank you. So for
20 the record, Gayla Hoseth, Director of Natural Resources
21 for Bristol Bay Native Association here in Dillingham.

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23 I'm sure you guys have been aware, or
24 maybe you guys haven't been aware but there were some
25 listening sessions and some tribal government to
26 government sessions that took place in January that we
27 were able to listen in and participate in on and it was
28 with the Department of Interior and the U.S. Department
29 of Agriculture regarding the Federal Subsistence
30 Policy. So we're in a public comment period right now
31 that ends on February 15th and a lot of the questions
32 that were asked, it wasn't limited to the five
33 questions that they were asking, but it was:

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35 No 1. How has climate change affected
36 subsistence, what changes could be made to subsistence
37 policies, regulations or laws to help you adapt to
38 those changes.

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40 No. 2. How can Federal agencies better
41 cooperate with Alaska Native Tribes, Alaska Native
42 Consortia, ANOs and Alaska Native Corporations to
43 promote subsistence harvest opportunities and protect
44 habitat.

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46 No. 3. How does the State management
47 regime affect implementation of the Federal priority
48 for rural residents.

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1 No. 4. How can the Federal Subsistence
2 Board and Federal Subsistence Program be changed to
3 better accommodate Alaska Native subsistence needs.
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5 And, No. 5. What difficulties have you
6 experienced in accessing subsistence resources.
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8 There was, I believe, like four or five
9 opportunities for tribes and ANCSA Corporations to
10 participate and we were on those calls and we were
11 happy to see, you know, over 100 people on the line on
12 this issue that is in regard to the Federal Subsistence
13 Policy. Just to let you guys know just some highlights
14 of some of the things that tribes are talking about is
15 right there at the Federal Subsistence Board level is
16 having six non-agency tribal seats on the Federal
17 Subsistence Board because the -- ANILCA recognizes at
18 least six Alaska subsistence regions and, therefore, a
19 lot of the tribes and the people who I listed before,
20 believe that we should have additional tribal seats on
21 the Federal Subsistence Board for voting.
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23 Another big item that was talked about
24 is moving the Office of Subsistence Management out of
25 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and with that, that
26 way, you know, the Office of Subsistence Management
27 would better help the subsistence users and not be
28 under a Federal agency and report directly to the
29 Secretary of Interior. That's a big one, which I
30 really do hope that this -- that that does get moved
31 out for sure.
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33 There's talk about -- oh, what else is
34 there, the Fisheries Research Monitoring Program should
35 be equally distributed among the sovereigns operating
36 in Alaska. Right now the State of Alaska currently
37 receives 90 percent of the project funding.
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39 So we have some really big issues with
40 the Federal Subsistence Board and as being Federally-
41 qualified subsistence users.
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43 The big one that, of course, we face
44 out here in the Bristol Bay region is the Federal
45 Subsistence Board not following ANILCA and holding them
46 accountable for that. I mean even here on the RAC
47 level, if we have any kind of proposals that conflict
48 with the different Federal regulations themselves and
49 making sure that they follow ANILCA and having -- and
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1 getting those answers. And it just makes me wonder as
2 to how many other proposals in the past that the
3 Federal Subsistence Board could have weighed in on by
4 following ANILCA.

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6 So there's a lot of loopholes within
7 the Federal Subsistence Board system. We are bound to
8 sport -- to sport hunting regulations up here in Alaska
9 and a lot of these regs that we're trying to change one
10 by one to reflect customary and traditional harvest.
11 So, you know, for you guys -- if any tribes or people
12 who are here that serve on tribal councils to talk to
13 your tribes to get our DOI comments in regarding these
14 big issues within the Federal Subsistence Policy and
15 also request the government to government tribal
16 consultation. And that's something that's really
17 coming out, you know, putting a lot of focus and
18 emphasize on, too, I think that you guys have heard me
19 say many, many times of when we do have a government to
20 government consultation it's supposed to be a dialogue
21 back and forth with the tribal governments and the
22 agencies that we're having the consultation with. A
23 lot of times it feels like we're in a public comment
24 listening session and we don't have any answers back.
25 So hopefully with Biden's new government to government
26 policy, or I'm not sure exactly what the title of it
27 is, to really emphasize on having, you know, meaningful
28 government to government consultation is really
29 important.

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31 Those are some of the issues that we're
32 working on, I guess, that is under this here with this
33 Council. There's many other issues that we work on
34 within the Natural Resources Department.

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36 I'm open for any questions.

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38 I can turn it over to Cody. I know
39 that he had something that he wanted to talk with the
40 RAC about regarding fisheries. Cody.

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42 MR. LARSON: Thanks, Gayla. Madame
43 Chair, and Council members. Cody Larson with the
44 Partners Program for the Bristol Bay Native
45 Association. It's been really great to hear all the
46 discussion today. It's good to hear your voices and
47 hopefully we can see each other's faces by next fall at
48 some point.

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1 I'll give a quick update to some of the
2 activities under the Partners Program. I think the
3 first thing I'd like to provide is an upcoming project
4 here in Dillingham. It's working in partnership with
5 the Division of Subsistence and some more details to
6 this project are on the Division of Subsistence,
7 updates in the actual meeting folder. And so that's
8 then a development with the University of Alaska-
9 Fairbanks Sea Grant Program, Penn State University and
10 I think the overarching term is the Polaris Project.
11 But in about -- and so we're working with Bronwyn
12 Jones, Division of Subsistence and in about a week or
13 two, and Bronwyn you can chime in if you're still on,
14 we'll be starting a survey project here in Dillingham,
15 which is going to be fairly extensive, a pretty big
16 project. We'll be surveying 180 to 190 households and
17 getting an update to the subsistence harvest from
18 Dillingham residents. So that's going to be occurring
19 mid-February through possibly mid-April, somewhere in
20 that range and I wanted to give everyone notice of that
21 and for the folks who do reside in Dillingham, if you
22 can spread the word on that survey project coming up,
23 that'd be great as well and we'll be reaching out on
24 the radio and with fliers and things too.

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26 So that's kind of the biggest and most
27 immediate project coming up.

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29 And I wanted to mention the FRMP funded
30 project that was a priority information need set by the
31 Council, I believe in 2015 or 2018, on Dolly Varden
32 harvest in the Togiak River. That final report has
33 been published and is online and that's in the Division
34 of Subsistence information pamphlet as well. And so
35 that was a really fun project and it's something that
36 the Council had sought to collect that information and
37 now it's there. So that's another update.

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39 With regard to the fisheries cycle,
40 fisheries proposal cycle, it's also coinciding with the
41 State Board of Fish, Bristol Bay finfish cycle. And
42 I've attended nearly all of the regional AC meetings
43 and maintained contacts with managers and subsistence
44 users around the region and I think that the Council's
45 comments captured a lot of the concerns from the ACs,
46 in that, the major concerns are the king and chum
47 salmon returns. And that's been fairly region-wide.
48 But as Dan had mentioned, the ACs haven't been -- there
49 haven't been any proposals developed to address those

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1 shortages or those concerns. I would say the exception
2 is the Togiak AC meeting, they identified that there's
3 a major concern for king and chum and that they feel
4 there's a need for more in-season management actions
5 and could definitely benefit from a management plan
6 specific to king salmon in the Togiak River. Many of
7 those folks voiced that their families weren't able to
8 meet their subsistence salmon needs in Togiak. And
9 they -- the -- I think that the regulations, you know,
10 regarding subsistence in the Togiak area, making
11 adjustments to those regulations might not, you know,
12 meet what the ACs intent is as much as changes to the
13 commercial or sport regulations under the State. And
14 so I don't foresee any Correct. subsistence regulations
15 -- or proposals coming there because it wouldn't
16 necessarily address the needs or the concerns on the
17 shortages of those stocks.

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19 I wasn't able to make the Naknek AC
20 meeting last night but I kind of feel that that similar
21 concern for king salmon management crosses over to, you
22 know, similar to the Togiak Rivers, is occurring on the
23 east side of Naknek and it kind of reminds me of a
24 previous statewide FRMP priority information need that
25 was reviewing the escapement goals of king salmon
26 populations statewide. And so, you know, possibly
27 we're merging on that prior research being able to
28 inform both, you know, the Naknek and Togiak AC and
29 possibly Nushagak folks in, you know, what can be done
30 and having an assessment on the actual escapement goal.

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32 With that I think George and John and
33 Reed covered the current situation in Chignik and the
34 proposal down there regarding sockeye.

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36 So I'll leave it at that but it's a
37 quick update and I can field any questions that the
38 Council has.

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40 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
41 you Cody. Questions from the Council, who would like
42 to start.

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44 (No comments)

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46 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: No
47 questions.

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49 MR. ANDERSON: I'm sorry, I was reading
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1 something else here. Not to the young man there, but to
2 Gayla. Thank you very much for the work that you do.
3 It's good to hear that we have a constant voice on
4 Federal subsistence users for the region. And I
5 brought up the earlier question on our agenda, there
6 are a lot of things are on State issues and I was just
7 kind of curious about those things and I think that a
8 lot of our attention needs to be highlighted,
9 highbeamed on Federal subsistence since we're
10 Federally-recognized tribes in the region. I'm still
11 trying to read something here but, again, Gayla, thank
12 you very much for your work.

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14 MS. HOSETH: Through the Chair, thank
15 you, Norm. And I believe that those -- that there is
16 links to those testimonies that did take place. There
17 was a lot of good points that were brought up of areas
18 that definitely need fixing so -- and with this
19 Administration I think that we could do work with
20 Secretary Deb Haaland.

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22 Thank you.

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24 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Good point,
25 Gayla. Good point. Any other questions or comments.

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27 (No comments)

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29 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Well,
30 great report. I'm encouraged, Gayla. These issues
31 with votes and ANILCA has frustrated me for a very,
32 very long time as well, and I am hopeful that we can
33 get some additional seats and/or some additional people
34 listening to how ANILCA's not being held up by the make
35 up of this current Council [sic]. So thank you for
36 your work there.

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38 MS. HOSETH: Thank you, Nanci.

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40 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Any other
41 Native organization that would have a presentation for
42 us today.

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44 (No comments)

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46 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay,
47 hearing none, let's move on to U.S. Fish and Wildlife
48 Service. Susan, do you want to go first.

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1 MS. ALEXANDER: Thank you, Madame
2 Chair. For the record, Susan Alexander, Refuge Manager,
3 Alaska Peninsula and Becharof National Wildlife
4 Refuges. And hello to the Council.

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6 We have a written report that should be
7 in your materials so I won't try to cover everything
8 that's on that but just hit a couple of highlights. We
9 did announce -- I, as in-season manager, did announce
10 the usual Federal subsistence caribou hunt in Units 9C
11 remainder and 9E and interest in those hunts has been
12 fairly typical so far and there are details about that
13 in your report if you're interested.

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15 I did want to highlight some additional
16 outreach that we did this year because it came to our
17 attention that there were some, I guess I'd say holes,
18 in the public's understanding of some of the
19 limitations to use the State Tier II permits on Federal
20 lands. And for those who might not be familiar with
21 the details of this hunt, in Unit 9C remainder and 9E,
22 we do have a Federal subsistence hunt and we issue
23 permits for that from our office but holders of the
24 State Tier II permits for the TC505 hunt can also hunt
25 on Federal land. One significant limitation, though,
26 is that for both 9C remainder and 9E there are
27 limitations that apply regardless of which type of
28 permit you use. And for 9C remainder that is that the
29 Federal public lands are closed to the taking of
30 caribou except by residents of 9C and Igiugig and for
31 9E the limitation is that Federal public lands are
32 closed to the taking of caribou except by residents of
33 9E, Nelson Lagoon and Sand Point. And, in particular,
34 what we began to realize through some questions that
35 came to our office and just hearing the buzz around
36 town in conversation was that a lot of folks were not
37 aware that residents of King Salmon, Naknek and South
38 Naknek were not eligible to hunt on the Refuge with a
39 State Tier II permit in 9E because of that closure to
40 residents other than -- you know, to anyone other than
41 residents of 9E, Nelson Lagoon and Sand Point. So we
42 did everything we could think of to try to get this
43 word out so that people were aware of the law. We put
44 out new fliers, Facebook posts, public announcement on
45 KDLG, we got in touch with all the air taxi operators,
46 tribal leaders, State and Federal agencies and
47 essentially the information we gave everyone was the
48 same information we had put out before but we changed
49 the emphasis to try to make it very clear that there is
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1 this limitation in both of these units that is closed
2 except to those very local folks.

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4 So I think I'll pause there and just
5 ask if there are any questions from the Council on
6 that.

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8 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay,
9 Council, questions.

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11 (No comments)

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13 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: I think you
14 made it clear, Susan, thank you.

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16 MS. ALEXANDER: Okay. Great, thank
17 you, Madame Chair. So one bit of good news is that --
18 and this is different from what's in our written report
19 because it's just happened in the last week or so.
20 After five years of having our mammal biologist
21 position vacant we have finally been approved to fill
22 it. I can't tell you how happy I am to be telling you
23 that. We are working -- well, it's in HR, we expect it
24 will come to the top of their piles probably sometime
25 in the next week or two. Our HR folks don't have
26 nearly as bad a back log as they did for awhile there
27 so our turnaround times are not too bad but it's
28 approved, signed, in HR, we're just waiting for the HR
29 folks to get to us and then that will be advertised.
30 So very, very happy to say that.

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32 One thing I was not as happy about, was
33 -- and this is in our report as well, the leadership of
34 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Alaska took a
35 step and they called it a field work pause in September
36 because of the most recent Covid spike and the overload
37 of the hospitals. They were -- you know, the hospitals
38 went into crises management protocols and they felt
39 that any field work that we did, because it's remote,
40 would potential -- had the potential to create an
41 accident or an injury that might require someone to
42 need to go to a hospital and they did not want us to
43 run the risk of burdening the hospital system any
44 further, the healthcare system. So they basically
45 stood down all field activity with very, very few
46 exceptions. And what was unfortunate for us was that
47 this ran through some time in December and we
48 completely missed the window for the moose composition
49 surveys that we normally would have been doing, and we
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1 had snow, and as composition and abundance and I think
2 you all know, you know, those surveys go much better
3 when you have snow. So we were frustrated not to be
4 able to be out there when we had good survey conditions
5 and we all understand how important those surveys are
6 but we -- we even discussed trying to get a waiver
7 ourselves and got nowhere with that. So I definitely
8 understand none of us want to over burden the hospitals
9 but it was a big impact to our ability to do surveys
10 and I know surveys that the Council is very interested
11 in. So I just wanted to make sure you knew what had
12 gone on there.

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14 And one other bit of good news is --
15 and this ties back to -- I was looking back at the
16 notes -- or excuse me, the minutes from the last
17 meeting and also hearing the Council's individual local
18 reports at the beginning of this meeting, I know a lot
19 of us are seeing more ptarmigan and the Refuge is
20 planning, this spring, to do redo the ptarmigan survey
21 that we last did in 2015 -- excuse me -- and
22 particularly we would like to -- you know that survey
23 estimates the density of, and compare the relative
24 abundance between 2015 and now of male willow
25 ptarmigan. We'd like to try to determine if they're --
26 if they cycle here as elsewhere within their range and
27 secondary objective to that survey are to further
28 investigate their distribution and their relationship
29 to habitat parameters to try to get a better fix on
30 what type of habitat they're using and prefer. And
31 also just to refine our survey methods. As a lot of
32 you who have been on the Council for awhile probably
33 remember in 2015 we showed very low densities, we're
34 hoping that this year's survey will show an increase.
35 Certainly the anecdotal reports would indicate that.
36 And we're also cooperating with Katmai National Park in
37 this effort to hopefully also combine our data with
38 some data on rock ptarmigan at the higher elevations in
39 the Park.

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41 So that's -- those are the big points
42 that I wanted to just touch on from our report and I
43 would certainly welcome any questions you have.

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45 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
46 you, Susan. I will open it up for questions at this
47 point.

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49 (No comments)

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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Any
2 questions Council members.

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4 MR. WILSON: Are there sturgeons in
5 Becharof Lake. That's a Paul Boskofsky question.

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7 (Laughter)

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9 MS. ALEXANDER: Are there what in
10 Becharof Lake?

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12 MR. WILSON: Sturgeons.

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14 MS. ALEXANDER: Oh. Not that I'm aware
15 of but that would be a Paul Boskofsky question.

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17 (Laughter)

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19 MR. WILSON: He thinks he saw one.

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21 MS. ALEXANDER: Interesting. Okay.

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23 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Any other
24 questions or comments.

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26 (No comments)

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28 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, Susan,
29 thank you very much for your time, it's appreciated.

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31 MS. ALEXANDER: Thank you.

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33 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: We'll move
34 on to Togiak. Andy, are you still on the phone.

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36 MR. ADERMAN: Yes, hello, Madame Chair
37 and Council members. This is Andy Aderman, Wildlife
38 Biologist with the Togiak Refuge. I'll give the Togiak
39 Refuge update here. I believe it's Tab 7 in your
40 materials.

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42 Just real briefly, under Mulchatna
43 caribou, the last short paragraph there, we plan to
44 work with Staff from the Department of Fish and Game on
45 collaring some caribou out along the west coast. This
46 would be extreme western or southwestern 17A and then
47 going north from there almost immediately you're in the
48 southern Unit 18. And we'll be working with the area
49 biologist out of Bethel in getting collars out on
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1 caribou. These are considered Mulchatna caribou. We
2 had a collar put in on a cow back in 2010 and for the
3 next eight years she stayed in a pretty small area
4 suggesting that these caribou are resident and not
5 migratory but we'd like to get a little bigger sample
6 than that. There's groups that are clear up to just
7 south of Quinhagak, I know this is outside your area,
8 but we feel it important to kind of get a handle on
9 what these caribou are doing, if they're resident or
10 migratory, or something else. We'll hopefully answer
11 that question. But it'll be helpful when the photo
12 census is conducted to account for these caribou that
13 are out around that west coast.

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15 Nushagak Peninsula caribou, not a whole
16 lot to report. There hasn't been any reported harvest
17 yet. As you might recall last meeting I mentioned that
18 the planning committee that deals with this herd
19 favored having a hunt with just eight permits and four
20 of those went to Manokotak and two each to Dillingham
21 and Aleknagik. And right now the caribou are off the
22 peninsula in an area that they seem to like where the
23 wind blows the snow away out of the hills and that's
24 what they did last year and seems to be doing the same
25 thing this year.

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27 Lastly, on moose, I think I mentioned
28 at your last meeting we had really good calf
29 production, lots of twins and that, but very poor
30 survival. Calf survival from birth to early November
31 was 11 percent and that's pretty low. In fact, that's
32 the lowest it's ever been. We plan to do a moose
33 survey in 17A in March. With the 17A winter moose
34 hunts, they just ended last week. As of yesterday
35 there were 64 moose reported and I expect there'll be a
36 few more when the rest of the people that got permits
37 report.

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39 So I will leave it at that. If there's
40 any questions I'll try to answer them.

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42 Thank you.

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44 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,
45 Andy. Questions for Andy.

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47 MR. TREFON: Billy here.

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49 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead.

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1 MR. TREFON: Yeah, Andy, I was
2 wondering about the stability of the Mulchatna Caribou
3 Herd, is it stable as far as health or is it still
4 declining?

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6 MR. ADERMAN: Well, based on the last
7 photo census from, you know, last summer it actually
8 went down a little bit from the two previous surveys to
9 that. And so it, you know, if that trend continues it
10 will certainly be declining. But, you know, we'll have
11 to wait until summer rolls around, late June, early
12 July and try to account for all of them that we can.
13 The Fish and Game leads the charge on that, we assist
14 along with other agency, Park Service, and other
15 offices of Fish and Game. So hopefully they'll
16 stabilize and start to increase but that, you know,
17 takes a few years to get that data. You know, you have
18 two points and it suggests a decrease but we'd like to
19 have more points and unfortunately it takes a year to
20 get each one of those points.

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22 MR. TREFON: I appreciate it, thank you
23 very much. You're working with the State on the
24 caribou, the Mulchatna, do you know if any of them even
25 come back into 9B anytime, the caribou?

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27 MR. ADERMAN: Yes. I've got a couple
28 satellite collars that are in 9B. And I only have a
29 handful of satellite collars and so the State has quite
30 a few more but, yeah, they're in there right now.

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32 MR. TREFON: Okay. Thank you.

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34 MR. ADERMAN: Yep.

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36 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Any
37 other Council members.

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39 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair, Dan.

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41 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: You have the
42 floor.

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44 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay, thank you. Say
45 Andy I got to thinking while you were talking about
46 trying to determine if those far west caribou are
47 resident or migratory and I was in Nome a few years ago
48 and heard some presentations by some reindeer ranchers
49 up there where what happens sometimes is a caribou herd
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1 will sweep through and one guy claimed he lost 20,000
2 reindeer to the caribou herd. I just wonder if there's
3 any sort of a density dependent behavior on caribou,
4 whether they don't migrate when there's not lots of
5 them but if a herd somehow shows up could they just
6 carry them all off, or has there been any work on that?
7 Over.

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9 MR. ADERMAN: Yes. Well, I guess I go
10 back to my time when I first got here which was in '94
11 and we were tracking the Mulchatna caribou and also at
12 that time there was a little herd there in the Kilbuk
13 Mountains that was sort of a resident herd and it
14 looked like about 40,00 Mulchatna caribous kind of
15 swung right through where the Kilbuds were and the
16 Kilbuds joined up with them and went back east, you
17 know, later in the winter, or early spring, and so
18 these were -- you know there was collars in both herds
19 and we were able to document that, you know, kind of,
20 you know, gathering of -- or, you know, two herds
21 coming together and more or less forming, you know,
22 one. But that was right before, you know, the very
23 peak of the Mulchatna Herd, and I think at the time
24 there in '94 it was thought about maybe four to 5,000
25 Kilbuk caribou were present in that smaller herd. So
26 that's caribou and caribou, I'm not -- I don't have as
27 much knowledge about the reindeer but I've read some of
28 the historical stuff that reindeer herders in this area
29 suggested that, you know, the reindeer ran off and
30 joined up with the Mulchatna Herd.

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32 MR. DUNAWAY: Thank you.

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34 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
35 you, Dan. Thank you, Andy. Other questions for Andy.

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37 MR. ANDERSON: I'm sorry, this is Norm,
38 I got disconnected there for just a minute, I lost most
39 of what Andy was saying. But dovetailing with what Dan
40 was saying, when I was growing up we had reindeer herds
41 close to Naknek and that's how we got our meat. But I
42 remember old Maddy Anderson, South Naknek, saying that
43 many of his caribou, or many of his reindeer herd ran
44 off and joined up and I was hunting on the Alaska
45 Peninsula and I pointed out some white caribou and my
46 uncle told me that those were throw back reindeer that
47 joined up with caribou herds so there is a definite
48 difference. But I went to school with guys from Nome
49 and their families were reindeer herders and that was a

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1 big thing that they talked about is that the reindeer
2 had a very small memory and they would just run off and
3 hard to get them back. But, yeah, it's a confusing
4 issue with them.

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6 But I just wanted to comment on that.

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8 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,

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Norm.

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MR. ANDERSON: Yeah, yeah.

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MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead.

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(No comments)

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MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Nobody. Any
other questions for Andy.

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(No comments)

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MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
you, Andy, we appreciate your time.

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MR. ADERMAN: Thank you. Appreciate
your time.

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MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Let's see
next we have National Park Service, who'd like to go
first there.

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MS. FLEEK-GREEN: Hey, good afternoon.
I am happy to defer to Katmai if Linda wants to jump
in, but I can also go. This is Susanne Fleek-Green,
for the record, with Lake Clark National Park and
Preserve.

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We are very excited to have a full crew
and I'm thinking about Dan's comment from this morning

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1 and Covid has upset operations. You know we were
2 probably 75 percent last summer, we're going to be 100
3 percent, knock on wood, this coming summer. We will
4 have a full fish crew at both the Telaquana weir and
5 River Mile 22 weir with a lot of new seasonals coming
6 on board so that will be great. We also will be
7 continuing our full slate of water quality monitoring
8 with our Southwest Alaska network. So they, too, are a
9 full crew this summer.

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11 We have several Student Conservation
12 Association interns coming on board this summer as well
13 to work in our visitor's center in Port Alsworth. So
14 that's great.

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16 In terms of subsistence-related,
17 specifically, we will be continuing our water quality
18 project that came out of conversations with our SRC
19 regarding increasing beaver activity off of Lake Clark
20 and to try and determine whether or not that increased
21 activity is having any affect on water quality.

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23 We also will be having our Quk Taz'un
24 Summer Culture Camp that we do in partnership with the
25 Nondalton Tribal Council. That will be in June of this
26 year at historic Kvichak across from -- across the lake
27 from Port Alsworth. This is where we bring teenagers
28 in from all over the Lakes region to do a week with
29 elders learning the Dena'ina language and other
30 traditional subsistence skills. So that is fantastic.
31 And after two summers off we're bringing back our
32 summer trail crew, which is also youth from around the
33 region. We do this in partnership with BBNC and the
34 Student Conservation Association, so they do some job
35 training and work skills, activities, for three weeks
36 and then they will join the Quk Taz'un Camp for a
37 cultural component for a few days there as well. So
38 we're very excited to have a lot of young people with
39 us this summer.

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41 Also exciting news, some of you may
42 have heard about this and we certainly have already
43 talked to Lary about it and some other elders, and
44 we're actually going to consult with some elders later
45 this month on it, but last summer -- actually last
46 fall, up near Telaquana Lake, we found a wooden bow in
47 very good condition and so we brought it back to our
48 Anchorage office here in a very controlled environment
49 to ensure it's preserved and we're starting to do some
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1 date testing on it to determine exactly how old it is.
2 Talking to a couple of experts, we believe that it is
3 more in a Yup'ik style than a Dena'ina style of bow,
4 but we're hoping to learn more, certainly a lot of
5 trading going on that could have influenced that, but
6 we're hoping to learn more once we get the date testing
7 back. If you would like to read more about the bow, we
8 have a post on our Lake Clark website. We also put it
9 out on social media. But it is available for the
10 public to read about on our website.

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12 Next month, we -- actually Bronwyn as
13 mentioned earlier, from ADF&G, will be coming to both
14 Port Alsworth and Nondalton to do our harvest surveys
15 so she'll be on the ground for several days in both
16 communities and these are much needed to be updated
17 and, again, we're highlighted as a need by our SRC,
18 actually 18 months ago now but because of Covid the
19 work was delayed. So we're excited to get the results
20 back from that.

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22 And then, lastly, we also will be
23 conducting a squirrel snaring camp this coming August,
24 doing it in partnership again with the Nondalton Tribal
25 Council with a goal to be knowledge transference from
26 elders to youth to ensure that squirrel snaring
27 techniques are passed on. And we did a great learning
28 event right before Covid in 2020, where we brought some
29 squirrel parka sewing experts to Anchorage and had a
30 really great conversation about all the work that goes
31 into that and learning some of those sewing techniques.
32 So it's a project that Karen Evanoff has been working
33 on for a couple of years and we're very excited about.

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35 So those are Lake Clark specific
36 updates.

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38 I did want to mention just a few things
39 overall for the National Park Service.

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41 One, we were happy that within the
42 Infrastructure Bill that passed a few months ago there
43 is an extra investment in there for wildland fire and
44 hopefully some of that will be coming to the Park
45 Service in Alaska. The Parks have, in total, come
46 together and put in a proposal to really work on fuels
47 reduction around communities to reduce potential
48 hazards. We've had a few human caused wildfires right
49 around Port Alsworth that could have easily turned into
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1 wildland fire, thankfully did not, but certainly calls
2 attention the need to do some fuels reduction so we are
3 excited for that opportunity.

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5 We also hope that a new annual
6 appropriations bill will pass. Right now it includes
7 an increase in funding into climate change research.
8 And one project that we're excited about for the region
9 that, again, has come out of concerns raised by the SRC
10 about high summer temperatures and what that does to
11 salmon spawning as well as salmon migration, we're
12 hoping to get some of that funding to conduct what is
13 called a thermal refugia project. Which is really to
14 map out where the real cold spots are in some of our
15 large water bodies within the region and identify how
16 those really can be refuges for salmon when we get
17 these hot spikes in temperatures and identify where
18 those areas are to ensure that we do everything we can
19 to protect them. So we're looking forward to that.

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21 And, lastly, I just want to mention
22 that there's an ongoing conversation that, at some
23 point, I think we probably will come to the RAC to
24 discuss in more detail and that is the next steps as we
25 move forward to adapt our management post the Sturgeon
26 decision by the Supreme Court. And I think I've
27 brought this up in past meetings but essentially
28 Governor Dunleavy has sent a letter to Secretary
29 Haaland as well as Secretary Vilsack for the Forest
30 Service asserting State jurisdiction over a large swath
31 of water bodies within conservation units, Refuges,
32 National Parks, Bureau of Land Management managed areas
33 that could change how those water bodies are managed.
34 And we're really having a lot of back and forth with
35 the State about whether or not we believe those water
36 bodies are, in fact, navigable, or not and then if
37 there's an opportunity for some sort of cooperative
38 management on those that might be navigable. It's a
39 very long and technical process so it could take awhile
40 but we want to ensure that the public understands
41 really what the state of play is and ensure that
42 everybody knows which regulation, State or Federal,
43 might be at play on these water bodies. So I really
44 just wanted to mention that as an issue that is coming
45 and probably the fall meeting would be a good place to
46 have a longer discussion about it.

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48 And, Madame Chair, that's all I have
49 for today. I would like to note that Liza Rupp, our

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1 Cultural Resources Program Manager's also on the phone.
2 I think I've covered all of our projects for this
3 summer that I thought would be of interest but happy to
4 take any questions.

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6 (Teleconference interference -
7 participants not muted)

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9 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Questions.
10 Council.

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12 MR. ANDERSON: Is someone talking.

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14 MS. FLEEK-GREEN: Nanci, I couldn't
15 quite hear you.

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17 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Just asking
18 for questions from the Council.

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20 MR. DUNAWAY: Dan here. Yeah, there
21 was some sort of robo voice in there somewhere. I had
22 kind of a comment.

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24 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Please, go
25 ahead.

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27 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. Say, it's been
28 quite some time and I wasn't quite part of it up in the
29 Lake Clark area, but Sportfish Division based out of
30 Dillingham here did a -- trying to do a thermal volume
31 habitat assessment for lake trout, and I think we sent
32 a guy up to Telaquana or Twin Lakes, where they tried
33 to measure water temperatures across the depths of the
34 lakes.

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36 MS. FLEEK-GREEN: Uh-huh.

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38 MR. DUNAWAY: It was modeled after some
39 lake trout work done in Ontario, Canada, where they
40 found a better way to assess what the lake trout
41 population could be by identifying the ideal habitat.
42 We also did some lakes over here near Dillingham and I
43 was in on the Ugashik Lake. But anyway that data may
44 be floating around somewhere and I'm wondering if it
45 could be helpful to your thermal refugia work that you
46 hope to do. Okay.

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48 MS. FLEEK-GREEN: Yes, great memory
49 Dan. Our, (indiscernible), who is the inventory and
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1 monitoring program for the Park Service, has that data
2 and actually they've continued it, both in Twin and
3 Telaquana and are wanting to expand it to some other
4 lakes within the Park so, yes, they have it, and know
5 it's one of the things they're looking at as part of
6 this project.

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8 MR. DUNAWAY: Well, that's good to
9 know. It might offer some baseline for comparison.

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11 MS. FLEEK-GREEN: Uh-huh.

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13 MR. DUNAWAY: I think our methods were
14 not the most refined but we put the best -- you know,
15 the GPS still had the differential built in so the
16 points would jump around on us all the time.
17 We'd leave from a rock and come back and we'd be, you
18 know, 50 yards from the rock and it would say we're
19 right on top of it, that sort of thing.

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21 MS. FLEEK-GREEN: Yeah.

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23 MR. DUNAWAY: Still it's -- it might be
24 something to go on. I'm really tickled to hear you
25 already have it, thank you.

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27 MS. FLEEK-GREEN: Yep.

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29 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, good.
30 Other questions.

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32 MR. ANDERSON: I have a question.

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34 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead.

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36 MR. ANDERSON: Yeah, I'm looking on the
37 agenda here and it says here, the National Park Service
38 last year an issue that came up, road, village of King
39 Salmon and Naknek friction between locals, NPS, on
40 where it affects subsistence; was anyone going to
41 comment on that.

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43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: That's going
44 to be Katmai National Park and hopefully they will
45 address that in their report.

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47 MR. ANDERSON: Oh, I must be off on the
48 agenda here, I'm sorry.

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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: No, you're
2 not. Yeah, we're just at Lake Clark right now, Norm.
3 We didn't specify on this particular agenda item which
4 Parks we were going to hear from first and I just kind
5 of opened it up to whomever wanted to go first so.

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7 MR. ANDERSON: Oh, I see, okay.

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9 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Any
10 other questions for Lake Clark.

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12 MR. TREFON: Billy here.

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14 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
15 Billy.

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17 MR. TREFON: Yeah, I got a question
18 about the beaver. I'm not sure if I remember correctly
19 but they were asking for a trapper to trap beaver at
20 the Park or looking for somebody to help them control
21 the beaver population. Is that still ongoing?

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23 MS. FLEEK-GREEN: Well, we are not
24 doing control at this point. We really have just been
25 -- we did a couple of overflights to try and count --
26 well, to count the number of beaver damns and then try
27 and talk to folks to see if that's an increase/decrease
28 from prior knowledge and then we've been doing water
29 quality sampling. I know that the SRC has been
30 interested in some possible trapping of those beaver
31 but that's not a Park Service effort. It might be, you
32 know, depending on what comes back from the water
33 quality information, that that could be a
34 recommendation but we're not at that point yet.

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36 MR. TREFON: Oh, okay. Yeah, because
37 the thing is the beaver really is a problem in our
38 area.

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40 MS. FLEEK-GREEN: Yep. I know, I mean
41 just the number of people that trap these days has gone
42 down considerably, there's just not as many people out
43 there doing it.

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45 MR. TREFON: Yes. And they could make
46 wetlands over -- they could make five acres of wetlands
47 overnight.

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49 MS. FLEEK-GREEN: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.
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1 MR. TREFON: Yeah.

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3 (Laughter)

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5 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, any
6 other questions, Billy.

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8 MR. TREFON: Nope, I'm good.

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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
11 you. Any other questions or comments.

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13 (No comments)

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15 MS. FLEEK-GREEN: All right, well,
16 thank you everyone.

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18 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. You
19 bet, thank you for your information. Look forward to
20 hearing what some of these projects produce as far as
21 results and information.

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23 Okay, other Park Service. Katmai, do
24 we have somebody on to present from Katmai and get us
25 up to date.

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27 MR. PATTERSON: Hi, everyone. This is
28 Dylan Patterson. I don't have the update for Katmai
29 and I'm not sure if Linda Chisolm is on, so, Linda,
30 please just cut me off if you are. But I was just
31 talking to Troy Hamon and I believe he is planning to
32 give an update and he told me he just got disconnected
33 so he may -- hopefully he'll pop back on here in just a
34 second.

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36 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, that
37 would be great.

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39 MR. HAMON: Okay.

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41 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Troy, are
42 you there?

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44 MR. HAMON: Yeah, I am, sorry about
45 that. I just -- I don't know if my phone decided I'd
46 been on here long enough but it hung up right as you
47 were probably getting ready to ask for Katmai.

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49 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes,

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1 understand. Please, go ahead with your report.

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3 MR. HAMON: So I heard a question
4 relating to Katmai but I didn't catch the details of
5 it. I haven't really been able to find the meeting
6 packet in the same way that you have it so I'm not
7 sure, we may have to come back to that.

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9 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes, that's
10 fine. It's with the road, Pike's Road, and where we
11 were at with that and it happened to be mentioned in
12 the agenda that was sent out to folks and that's where
13 the question came up. But if you have a prepared
14 report we can start there and then we can get filled in
15 on your road information because it's not included.

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17 MR. HAMON: Well, let's start with the
18 road. I don't have a specific update on it. The Park
19 Service had a period where they were moving a little
20 slower because there was some uncertainty about the
21 possible path forward and I know the Superintendent was
22 in conversation with a number of the groups, including
23 some people that are on the Council, about that
24 throughout the last few years. Our goal has been to
25 fix the situation in the proper manner to maintain the
26 access for subsistence purposes.

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28 The last conversation I was a part of,
29 we were intending to support a revision to the Park
30 boundary in the -- not the exterior boundary, but the
31 internal boundary that separates the Park and Preserve,
32 but I haven't seen or heard of any progress on that in
33 the last six months or possibly even a year. And so
34 it'd probably be best to wait for an update on that. I
35 will mention that our Superintendent took a detail in
36 Anchorage to serve as the Associate Regional Director
37 for Resources within the region in the National Park
38 Service and he's due back this week. And so this would
39 probably be a good chance to reengage with that
40 question and I'll try to followup.

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42 Are there other questions about that
43 since -- you probably were hoping for more definitive
44 information but I don't have it.

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46 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Always.
47 Always we want to hear forward progress at least. But
48 Council members, do you have questions for Troy about
49 that that he could help you with right now.

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1 MR. ANDERSON: Yeah, this is Norm. Is
2 that in reference to the road, Pike Ridge.

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4 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: The trail,
5 yes it is.

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7 MR. HAMON: Yes, in reference to the
8 Pike Ridge Trail, yes.

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10 MR. ANDERSON: Yeah. Maybe I can give
11 some historic view on that. Many, many years ago as
12 the Park was extending, they did a stair-stepping type
13 of maneuver to encompass the road and the first fall
14 they stationed agents up there and were turning
15 residents away from hunting. And the Naknek Native
16 Village, I know, I was on the council at the time,
17 addressed the issue and invited the Park Service to
18 come down and we told them that it was illegal because
19 the tribes have access to their tribal lands through
20 .501(c)(3), we have access to Native allotments and
21 five acre parcels, et cetera, and the issue was
22 resolved at the time. They went up later and they put
23 little stakes in the ground identifying what was their
24 part of the stair step and, you know, et cetera. And
25 so if this is coming back up again it needs to be
26 addressed on the tribal level and remind the National
27 Park Service that the tribes have access to their
28 traditional hunting lands, their Native allotments and
29 so forth.

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31 Thank you.

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33 I'll keep an eye on this.

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35 MR. HAMON: So maybe it would be worth
36 giving a little update for previous progress since it
37 sounds like Council Member Anderson hasn't been
38 involved or familiar.

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40 So in the 23 years that I've been here
41 the Pike Ridge Trail has been administered as an access
42 route that is available but there's no legal basis for
43 that, though I understand the statement about
44 traditional lands and access, but while we respect and
45 honor the intent of that there's not an actual legal
46 framework on the books that makes it okay. And what
47 we've been trying to do within the Park Service side of
48 things, is create that legal framework so that our law
49 enforcement officers know what they can and can't do.
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1 And so we evaluated all possible avenues of how to
2 either authorize the trail, how to give people access
3 to the areas that are accessible from the trail,
4 whether it's by land exchange or by a boundary
5 adjustment, a number of different ways. So what we're
6 trying to do is honor the spirit of the agreement that
7 you're remember, officially, so that there's no
8 question, and it has taken a very long time, but we
9 think we're getting close.

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11 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair.

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13 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead.

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15 MR. WILSON: Yes, I mean I appreciate
16 all the info that he's trying to give here but this is
17 something that's been ongoing for a long time and if
18 our new member wants to catch up on some of the
19 history, I'd rather it come from, you know, maybe that
20 agency, they can talk amongst themselves. But we've
21 been through this one several times and we all know
22 where this is at. And it's -- yeah -- thanks.

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24 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah,
25 absolutely, Richard. Yeah, and, Norm, to followup on
26 Richard's comments, all of that will be found in that
27 late night reading too that Lary mentioned ahead of
28 time. We've been going with this one for several years
29 now and we continue to push it forward and will
30 continue to push it forward to see it through to the
31 end so.

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33 MR. ANDERSON: And I was just stating I
34 was just giving a short perspective on this.

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36 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Well, thank
37 you for that. Go ahead, Troy.

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39 MR. ANDERSON: You're welcome.

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41 MR. HAMON: I'll just follow the --
42 I'll just do an abbreviated kind of rundown of the
43 other things within the report.

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45 The Park Service has not been quite as
46 restrictive as Fish and Wildlife Service. We have had
47 to go through some detailed protocols in order to
48 accomplish our work but we have been able to do much of
49 the work that we are wanting to do this year or at
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1 least parts of it.

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4 So to start with, moose surveys,
5 because those were recent in the fall, we did get two
6 areas surveyed. That's not -- we -- the Park Service
7 is usually responsible for four areas and we only got
8 two of them done despite being available and part of
9 that is a combination of the weather, even though we
10 had snow on the ground, we didn't always have flight
11 conditions. And the results of that we obtained in
12 those two areas were roughly in line with what we
13 normally see both in terms of numbers and composition,
14 but it's a small sample to have only two of the trend
15 areas flown.

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16 We continued to do bear, certainly the
17 area on aggregation, coastal meadows and along salmon
18 streams. And we see high numbers of bears in both
19 Katmai Park and within Aniakchak National Preserve.
20 And we continue to do in-person monitoring of bear
21 activity both at Brooks River within the Park as well
22 up at Marine Creek.

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24 We do annual survey work on bald eagle
25 nests. In 2020 we did not accomplish those surveys as
26 part of the initial wave of what we lost in the
27 pandemic field work-wise, and when we went to do them
28 this year it was surprising just in the course of just
29 missing one year how many nests were gone, the nests
30 gained and lost over a two year period was really
31 remarkable compared to what we normally get in an
32 annual cycle. But the actual number of bald eagles
33 active wasn't particularly noteworthy.

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35 Those are the things that we do kind of
36 on an annual basis in wildlife monitoring. But we have
37 had a wolf project on our coast and that's primarily
38 visual observations and collection of scat samples,
39 both for diet analysis and DNA analysis of wolves. We
40 don't have any results back from that yet, there has
41 just been a lot of field work done this last summer and
42 then the lab work will be done over the next year.

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44 As Susan Alexander mentioned, we did
45 start working on ptarmigan this year. We did find some
46 rock ptarmigan but actually most of our surveys were
47 recording willow ptarmigan and we're hoping that by
48 using the same protocol that they were using that the
49 Refuge and Park ptarmigan data will become a pretty
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1 good extended data set across those areas.

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4 And then I already mentioned the
5 Superintendent is going to be coming back. We have had
6 an acting Superintendent and he's been trying to
7 actively engage. We did visit Igiugig last week, we
8 were hoping to visit Kokhanok this week but they asked
9 us to postpone. One of the things that we talked with
10 them about are caribou surveys. Katmai is usually not
11 involved in the large scale surveys, we kind of lie at
12 the edge of the Northern Peninsula Herd range and at
13 the edge of the Mulchatna Herd range and there's other
14 agencies that usually have a larger kind of active role
15 because of the herds being more central. But we do
16 have this group of caribou up on the -- basically up on
17 the Kukuklok Lake bench that have been the subject of
18 some interest of subsistence users because although
19 they're managed as part of the Mulchatna Herd they
20 don't seem to be part of it. We got funding to do some
21 surveys of those herds, of those animals, and last
22 winter we documented around 300 and we're trying to do
23 surveys this winter as well. The funding for that just
24 came through so we're hoping to get those done in the
25 next couple months and document how many are there.
26 And then after we have a couple years of data we'll be
27 working with Fish and Game to try to access whether
28 there is enough there to actively manage a harvest or
29 not that's separate from the Mulchatna Herd. At least
30 it's possible that they're separate enough that a
31 targeted harvest could be authorized but there are
32 relatively few caribou so whether or not it's enough to
33 be something that can be effectively managed is
34 something that we'll be looking at.

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In the process of looking into that we
also have a broader look at the kind of history of use
of those animals and Dylan Patterson from the regional
office is the representative from the Park Service
who's involved in documenting traditional ecological
knowledge of that and he's on the phone if you have
questions about that. He would be the person to direct
questions to. And I think he's also tied into the
State subsistence surveys that are going to be coming
up for those villages.

And that's the primary sort of items I
had to cover.

MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank

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1 you, Troy. Questions or comments.

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3 MR. TREFON: Madame Chair, Richard
4 here.

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6 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
7 Richard.

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9 MR. WILSON: Yeah, thank you. Thanks,
10 Troy, for all the updates, appreciate it. And thanks,
11 Norm, for, you know, sharing some of your history of
12 some of our former boundary lines that have happened
13 over the past here. You know there's been a lot of
14 interest on this, what they call a satellite herd, it's
15 a resident herd that sits up in Kukuk Lake. You know
16 the numbers, you know, Troy and them are looking for
17 some data, you know, for some new data but they need to
18 also keep plugging away at the community here and
19 seeing how many years the Kokhanok and Igiugig
20 drainages, you know, that we've hunted on that herd for
21 back, you know, as far as I can remember back in the
22 '70s that herd's been there even when the Mulchatna
23 Herd came over in big numbers and crossed Iliamna Lake
24 and on to the base of that big mountain and up through
25 there, they were there for, you know.....

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28 participants not muted)

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30 MR. WILSON:that caribou herd
31 that's up in Kukuklok never did move out, I mean it's
32 just a resident herd kind of like Andy was saying
33 about, you know, the ones down on their peninsula
34 there. And that's kind of the way we see it. You know
35 it's -- it seems like it's moving a little slow, you
36 know, they're not -- I don't know everybody wants the
37 subsistence side of things and can't get caribou right
38 now in the Mulchatna and a lot of the residents there
39 used to, you know, harvesting that but, you know, for
40 numbers there's -- the numbers they're talking about
41 now, the new numbers they're coming up with are quite
42 larger than what we've seen in the past, you know, it's
43 residents that live in those areas and travel those
44 areas. So, you know, they need to expand their, you
45 know, search to the people that know that herd more so
46 we can possibly start harvesting that herd earlier so.

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48 Just a comment, thanks.

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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, thank
2 you, Richard.

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4 MR. HAMON: Very good, thank you,
5 Richard.

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7 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Comments or
8 questions for Troy.

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10 (No comments)

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12 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.
13 Hearing none we can go ahead and move on. Do we have
14 any other Park Service reports from anybody.

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16 (No comments)

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18 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Let's
19 move on to the Bureau of Land Management, Bruce Seppi,
20 do you have a report for us.

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22 MR. SPARKS: Hey, this is Tom Sparks.
23 I'm the Field Manager for the Anchorage Field Office
24 and Bruce is on board, too, I believe. I'll go ahead
25 and just tell the folks that the report is Tab 8.

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27 I really don't have much to add other
28 than the funds that we've provided to the Fish and
29 Wildlife Service for the Mulchatna Caribou Herd.

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31 Also I heard some comments from some of
32 the members about the reindeer here in Nome. Very
33 interesting. I've been in Nome for 41 years and been
34 with the BLM for 17. So I'd be happy to answer any
35 questions that any of the members may have.

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37 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you.
38 Anybody have questions on the report, that's Tab 8, the
39 BLM report.

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41 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, Madame Chair, real
42 quick.

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44 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
45 you have the floor.

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47 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. I noticed you
48 mentioned working with the Nushagak Cooperative on that
49 Nuyakuk River Hydroelectric investigation, are those
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1 moving ahead this spring. Over.

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3 MR. SPARKS: We've had some initial
4 discussions with them. We're mainly.....

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7 participants not muted)

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9 MR. SPARKS:the environmental
10 impacts of it and suggesting some help with them, like
11 whether a third-party contract would be done. But
12 apparently the project is moving forward, it sounds
13 like pretty exciting times for power generation down
14 there for you folks and help relieve some of that high
15 cost of electricity down there. So it sounds like it
16 is moving forward, yes, sir.

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18 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay, thanks, I thought
19 I'd ask you. I can call up the head guy here in town
20 and find out more but I just saw the -- I circled that
21 to ask you. So thank you very much.

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23 MR. SPARKS: Very good. And I just
24 want to let folks know, too, our field office is
25 currently recruiting for a field manager. I'm the
26 Associate Field Manager, I'm stationed in Nome, our
27 field office is quite large. It's the largest in the
28 United States and it's almost 25 million acres so
29 there's a broad swath but I'm really happy I could
30 listen in today and answer any questions that you may
31 have so I appreciate that very much.

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33 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Well, we
34 appreciate you joining us.

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36 MR. HILL: Madame Chair.

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38 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Do we have
39 any other questions.

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41 MR. HILL: Yeah, this is Lary Hill.
42 Just a comment on the peregrine falcon nesting surveys.

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44 We've had two nests here within
45 probably the last five or six years that have been
46 making use of our telephone poles and we had to
47 actually put up telephones just for the falcons and
48 there's another group who are trying to move in. So
49 the linemen here have to go up and put stuff on top of
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1 the telephone poles so the falcons can't nest. Also
2 the falcons have been dropping sticks and stuff on our
3 power lines and so the power gets shut off occasionally
4 but there's at least two here in the Iliamna Lake area
5 and I think maybe a couple up in Nondalton and Port
6 Alsworth area so they're around now for good, I guess.

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8 (Laughter)

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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: They've
11 moved in and took it over.

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13 (Laughter)

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15 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Any other
16 questions or comments.

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18 (No comments)

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20 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, again,
21 thank you very much. It's very appreciated. Let's
22 move on to Alaska Department of Fish and Game. It
23 looks like we're going to have a hare report, Rick, is
24 that correct.

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26 MR. BURCH: Madame Chair. This is Mark
27 Burch with the Department of Fish and Game. I'll say a
28 little bit about Alaska hares for Rick Merizon and then
29 Dave Crowley will follow to talk about the moose. It
30 looks like he would like to talk about that.

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32 Rick is reporting that there's really
33 nothing new as far as the Alaska hare research goes
34 since his last report to you but I'm sure he's looking
35 forward to analyzing results and being able to report
36 those to you once the project winds up. He did want to
37 say that the Alaska Board of Game recently passed
38 regulations for Unit 17 for Alaska hares bag limit,
39 seasons and salvage requirements that match Unit 9.
40 And so those are one Alaska hare per day, four during
41 the season, and a season from November 1st through
42 January 31st, and, of course, the salvage requirements
43 are that you need to salvage either the meat or the
44 hide, either one is acceptable, or of course both if
45 that's preferred. So that's what I have for Alaska
46 hares. And so we're glad to see that continuity, I
47 guess, forming along the Alaska hare range.

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49 And I'll yield to Dave Crowley to talk

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1 about the moose.

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MR. CROWLEY: Okay, thank you, Mark.
4 Good morning, Madame Chair. Good morning, Council
5 members. This is Dave Crowley with the Alaska
6 Department of Fish and Game. I am the Area Biologist
7 stationed in King Salmon. And I see on the agenda that
8 there's a request for 9B and 9C moose report and I'm
9 glad to give that now.

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12 You all probably know that at our last
13 Alaska Board of Game meeting a couple of weeks ago that
14 a proposal that the Department submitted to increase
15 the bag limit for moose in Unit 9B and 9C was passed
16 and so the current regulations -- and I know there was
17 some support from AC to put the season extension in
18 August rather than towards the end of December, the
19 Board decided to go with the original proposal so
20 that's what the season dates ended up being. Those
21 season dates are September 1 to 25 and December 15 to
22 January 15 in 9B, and then in 9C September 1 to 25 and
23 December 1 to January 15th, so there's a whole month
24 and a half there in Unit 9C. And the primary reason
25 that we put in this proposal was -- well, No. 1 there's
26 from our composition surveys and harvest data we
27 believe there's additional bulls out there available
28 for harvest and then, No. 2, because the Mulchatna
29 Caribou Herd is closed to hunting and we wanted to
30 provide additional opportunity to put meat in the
31 freezer. And so what I'm going to present to you,
32 briefly, is what I brought to the Board, and I'll just
33 give you an abbreviated version of that.

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35 First of all, we did a moose calf
36 mortality study and primarily in Unit 9B and 9C but we
37 also had some cows collared in 9E and here's some of
38 the results from that research, and this was from 2017
39 to 2019. What we found was that calf survival to
40 yearling age was 23 to 26 percent in this area, which
41 is pretty good for the Alaska Peninsula. We heard
42 Andy, earlier, say that they had an 11 percent survival
43 rate, I think that was to yearling age so quite a bit
44 of difference just a little further to the east. We
45 also had high twinning rates, 56 to 86 percent of the
46 cows that we had collared actually had twins. And I
47 think -- well, I think our total moose ended up to be
48 around 58 collared cows. We had 100 percent pregnancy
49 rate when we actually did blood testing in 2017 and
50 then for observed survival rate for collared cows we

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1 had 90 to 100 percent annual. And most cows captured
2 had good to excellent body condition. And all of these
3 indicated, you know, a productive and healthy
4 population and good calf survival especially for the
5 Alaska Peninsula.

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7 We fly composition surveys in
8 cooperation with the Fish and Wildlife Service, and so
9 as Susan Alexander stated earlier we did not get those
10 done. The Fish and Wildlife Service was grounded this
11 year and that's who I fly with to do our surveys, we do
12 them cooperatively so we did not get composition data
13 this last fall unfortunately. But through 2020 in
14 Units 9B and 9C we had high bull to cow ratios. These
15 had increased from a low in the early 2000s, they've
16 been gradually creeping up and the last two to three
17 years we've been over well over 60 bulls per 100 cows
18 and in 2020 we had 67 bulls per 100 cows in 9B and 9C.
19 And then as far as calves during our calf mortality
20 study I mentioned that we had surprisingly good
21 survival to yearling age. And more recently in 2020 we
22 had -- and this is a fall survey, 27 to 39 calves per
23 100 cows in Unit 9C and then 20 calves per 100 cows in
24 Unit 9B. And these are good, these are high ratios for
25 calves in Unit 9.

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27 As far as our harvest goes we had a
28 decline from the early 2000s through the end of the
29 2000s. Harvest was reduced by about half during that
30 period and this is both 9B and 9C. Since 2009 that's
31 reversed itself, harvest has increased almost to the
32 early 2000 level, we've almost doubled our harvest
33 since 2009 and so we're at a combined harvest of, oh,
34 80 to 90 moose, sometimes 100 moose per year. And the
35 majority of that harvest -- let me see I'm going to
36 look at my notes here -- currently over half of the
37 bull harvest is by local resident hunters, so Unit 9
38 hunters and then non-resident hunters take the fewest
39 bulls in Unit 9B and 9C. So the majority, 90 percent
40 of the moose harvest, of course, occurs during the fall
41 season and the majority of that is by resident hunters,
42 either mostly by local but some by non-local hunters.

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44 Let's see so that's harvest rate and so
45 -- let's see, as I said the Board did pass that
46 proposal so our season dates are extended into
47 September which was contrary to some of the local
48 Advisory Committee recommendations but that's where we
49 sit now.
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1 I would be glad to answer any
2 questions, Madame Chair, thank you.

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4 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, thank
5 you for that report Dave, it's appreciated. Questions,
6 Council members.

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8 MR. TREFON: Billy here.

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10 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
11 Billy.

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13 MR. TREFON: I just have one question.
14 You were talking about local and non-local, what is --
15 what do you consider local, local geographic or local,
16 State?

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18 MR. CROWLEY: I actually have it -- for
19 local I have Unit 9 residents versus non-Unit 9
20 residents, that's what I consider local versus other
21 Alaska residents.

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23 MR. TREFON: Oh, okay, so it's
24 geographic local?

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26 MR. CROWLEY: Yes, sir.

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28 MR. TREFON: Thank you.

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30 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Any
31 other questions or comments for Dave.

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33 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair, Richard.

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35 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
36 Richard.

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38 MR. WILSON: Yeah, through the Chair,
39 thanks, Dave. Thanks for that update there. We had
40 discussed that last proposal, the one that got passed
41 here with the added five days at our AC meeting here
42 last night and just noting, you know, that it did end
43 up going towards the end of the month instead of the
44 beginning of the month. And we -- you know there was
45 quite a bit of conversation there, people that were
46 there recognizing how that happened and then just
47 reading some of your language there, when that proposal
48 went down at the very end of one of the paragraphs you
49 said the Alaska Department of Fish and Game will

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1 monitor bull/cow ratios and recommend -- when
2 recommending revert to shorter seasons if necessary.
3 And I just -- you know, we've been struggling to try to
4 keep you guys -- putting in aerial surveys or, you
5 know, complete survey instead of just ratios between
6 cow and calf, cow and bull, you know, and I just -- I
7 didn't want that to get lost in the shuffle because you
8 didn't mention, you know, the other methods. The only
9 method you mentioned there was just the bull and cow
10 ratios, you know, indicating that the bull and cow
11 ratio was good and that's nice, that's nice to know.
12 But it still doesn't give us a number. And I just want
13 to keep pushing away at that so it doesn't become a
14 less important part of the process, that is still a
15 very important part of this process, to know what we
16 have out there.

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18 So I needed to make that comment and
19 needed you to hear it. So thank you Dave.

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21 MR. CROWLEY: Yeah, thank you Member
22 Wilson. And, Madame Chair, and I do appreciate
23 Richard's comments. We still have these surveys,
24 population abundance surveys in our management plan
25 and, of course, the problem with trying to do those is
26 our variable snow conditions. And the other problem
27 with Unit 9 is these surveys, the current surveys were
28 designed more for -- I don't want to say even
29 distribution, but distribution of moose that is unlike
30 ours. You know ours tends to be linear along stream
31 corridors and mountain sides, too, but, you know, we
32 have a low distribution of moose in Unit 9 and very few
33 areas where they actually, you know, are above one
34 moose per square mile. And the weird distribution and
35 these low numbers make those census, those moose
36 abundance estimates really kind of problematic. And
37 I'm -- we started looking into it at a different
38 approach, it's kind of a novel approach of using
39 cluster analysis to try to get at that. I'm hoping
40 that my replacement, I'm retiring as of the end of
41 April, and I'm hoping we get a replacement who is, you
42 know, willing to explore that, start exploring
43 different techniques for this kind of unit distribution
44 we have. So anyway that's a long answer for the
45 abundance surveys are still in our management plan so
46 we haven't given up on them yet.

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48 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,
2 Dave. Appreciate the explanation. Any other questions
3 or comments for Dave.

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5 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair, Richard
6 here. Dave, yeah, thanks. We appreciate what you do
7 here and we're going to see you leave. And hopefully
8 the knowledge that you have will get passed on to the
9 next individual that takes your seat there. Pretty
10 important, you know, we hate to start this all over
11 again. So hopefully all the great things that you've
12 accomplished there can get passed on.

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14 So, good luck.

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16 Thanks.

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18 MR. CROWLEY: We're sure going to try
19 Richard. Thank you, appreciate it. Thank you, Madame
20 Chair.

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22 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes, thank
23 you. Anybody else.

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25 MR. TREFON: I got one that's totally
26 off the subject of moose and everything else. This is
27 something that I've been looking at on TV lately and
28 it's brought a question in my mind. It's -- well, just
29 something that the State's going to have to deal with
30 when the sightings become real. Bigfoot and the Loch
31 Ness Monster.

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33 (Laughter)

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35 MR. ANDERSON: I've seen those too.

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37 (Laughter)

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39 MR. CROWLEY: Actually I -- thank you,
40 Madame Chair. I actually have an interest in these
41 crypto beasties and, you know, I don't know it's tough
42 to like as far as Sasquatch or Hairy Man or Bigfoot,
43 there's really no way for us to, you know, study them
44 because if they exist they're so elusive and in such
45 low abundance, you know, it's -- it would be more
46 difficult than studying the Alaska hare that Rick and
47 his team are doing.

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49 (Laughter)

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1 MR. CROWLEY: But I think most
2 biologists have a keen interest in these things and,
3 boy, as far as the Lake Iliamna monster, you know,
4 that's on fisheries, that's not on the wildlife side.

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6 (Laughter)

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8 MR. CROWLEY: But, yeah, I mean these
9 things, these mysteries are intriguing.

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11 MR. TREFON: Yes, because the
12 credibility. I mean every community I -- I know
13 somebody in every community in Iliamna Lake that have
14 actually experienced something.

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16 MR. CROWLEY: Yeah, and I -- you know
17 I've seen the video footage and it's like well what the
18 heck is that, there's something there, what the heck is
19 it, we don't know.

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21 (Laughter)

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23 MR. CROWLEY: And you're right, you
24 know, Native peoples who have been here for ten
25 thousand years they have -- they have lore about these
26 species at Lake Iliamna and Hairy Man and, you know,
27 it's definitely been passed down through many, many
28 generations.

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30 MR. TREFON: Yeah, we have a celebrity
31 on hand but I'm not going to say who she is.

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33 (Laughter)

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35 MR. CROWLEY: Okay.

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37 (Laughter)

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39 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. So do
40 we have anybody else with questions or comments for
41 Dave.

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43 MR. ANDERSON: Yeah, Dave, before you
44 get off the phone here, next fall do you want to take
45 me on a moose hunt since you know where they are?

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47 (Laughter)

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49 MR. CROWLEY: Next fall I will be up in
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1 Fairbanks, in the Fairbanks area moose hunting. My
2 wife and I are moving back to Fairbanks after 25 years.

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4 MR. ANDERSON: Okay.

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6 MR. CROWLEY: Thank you, Madame Chair.

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8 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes, thank
9 you, Dave. And, I, too, would like to thank you for
10 your years of service here and all the assistance that
11 you've given our communities, it's been very much
12 appreciated, you will be very missed. And just as
13 what's already been said, I certainly hope that your --
14 the person who follows in your footsteps will also
15 follow your methods and means out here in our rural
16 community. So good luck.

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18 MR. CROWLEY: Thanks a lot.

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20 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay,
21 anybody else from Fish and Game. I know we have
22 several -- or had several folks online that were from
23 Anchorage that had a report they'd like to share with
24 us. I don't have you on the list but would be happy
25 to.....

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27 MS. JONES: Hey, this is -- oh, I'm
28 sorry, this is Bronwyn from Subsistence.

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30 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead.

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32 MS. JONES: I actually don't have very
33 much to report because going last all my project
34 partners have pretty much mentioned what we're up to.
35 Cody with BBNA talked about the Polaris Project where
36 we'll be doing the surveys in Dillingham and talked
37 about the publication of our Dolly Varden project. And
38 then the Lake Clark National Park and Preserve
39 subsistence harvest surveys were mentioned. So that's
40 what we're up to with the Division of Subsistence, and
41 I just wanted to let you know I'm still on the phone if
42 anybody had any questions about any of those projects.

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44 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. I'll
45 open it up to questions. Any questions for Bronwyn.

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47 MR. DUNAWAY: This is Dan Dunaway.

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49 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,

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MS. JONES: Hi, Dan.

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MR. DUNAWAY: Bronwyn, could you touch lightly on Proposal 22 and the C&T findings for Nushagak Peninsula. It's not -- it's kind of a State thing but I was thinking people here might like to know what's going on with that. Okay.

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MS. JONES: Sure. Through the Chair.

At the most recent Board of Game meeting, the Division of Subsistence had put forward Proposal 22, which was to make a customary and traditional use finding for the Nushagak Peninsula Caribou Herd because there isn't one currently that's separate from the Mulchatna Caribou Herd. So I presented the C&T worksheet to the Board and the Board agreed that there was a customary and traditional use finding, that it was very clear, but they decided to actually postpone passing it and making a positive finding until the statewide meeting because at that point the Nushagak AC and the Togiak AC had not weighed in on the proposal so they wanted to give us opportunity to bring it back to the ACs and just, you know, make sure that they understood what it was for and why we were suggesting it. And at this point my boss, Robbin, and I called into the AC meeting, the Nushagak, Monday -- yeah, I think -- I don't remember when that was, Friday -- and the AC agreed to support the C&T finding but postpone -- or was going to recommend postponing setting the ANS range just until they had more time to deliberate about it.

So that's where we're at.

MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. That is good information, thank you Dan, and thank you Bronwyn. Any other questions or comments.

(No comments)

MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Thank you, Fish and Game, for your participation it is always welcome and appreciated.

Let's move on then to OS.....

MS. SCARBROUGH: Hello, this is.....

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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Oh, go
2 ahead, do I have somebody else.

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4 MS. SCARBROUGH: Oh, sorry, Madame
5 Chair, this is Lisa Scarbrough, I'm also with the
6 Division of Subsistence. Bronwyn covered everything
7 but there was just one thing that I wanted to mention
8 regarding Chignik and it goes back to the 2018 salmon
9 disaster and there was a pot of money that was
10 distributed to -- or was supposed to be distributed to
11 the stakeholders of Chignik. That money has kind of
12 been held up for awhile but I just kind of got a little
13 bit of an update.

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15 Currently the Pacific State Marine
16 Fisheries Commission, they're the ones with NOAA,
17 they're responsible for distributing the money and so
18 anyways they're currently focusing on the direct
19 payments to the stakeholders going way back to 2018.
20 But there's also a pot -- a section of money that is to
21 be distributed to -- for a -- it'll be going to a
22 competitive bid for scientific research projects to
23 examine the effects of the fishery disaster on
24 subsistence users and also to assess marine and
25 freshwater conditions that influences Chignik sockeye
26 salmon stock. So apparently they're -- they said that
27 they believed that the competitive bid process will
28 probably be issued this spring, or maybe early summer.
29 So I'd note those are open to anybody interested in
30 applying for a research project. Back when this fund
31 came out we -- the Division of Subsistence, along with
32 BBNA had submitted a temporary proposal to look at the
33 social and economic effects of the disaster on
34 subsistence in these communities.

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36 But I just wanted to throw that out and
37 I would like to -- our division is going to most likely
38 be applying for another project and we want to be
39 working with BBNA as well each of the tribal councils,
40 and if there's any of you guys that have any ideas of
41 what project would be very useful. We haven't done a
42 comprehensive all resource survey in any of these
43 communities since about 2003 and then the last time we
44 were able to do a comprehensive survey salmon update
45 for salmon harvest was in 2016, the year that OSM
46 funded the project for our sharing network project. So
47 we would at least like to do an updated survey and do a
48 lot of key respondent interviews to see what the
49 effects are and get some ideas of what we could do to
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1 help the communities with alternative projects or just
2 to see what they feel is going on with the salmon runs.

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4 So kind of a long description but if
5 any of you, Council members, or communities, have any
6 ideas of what project ideas would be useful, please let
7 Bronwyn or myself know, I'd appreciate that.

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9 Thank you.

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11 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, no,
12 that's awesome. It sounds like we definitely need to
13 get some updates going. Council members any comments
14 or input that you might offer now.

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16 (No comments)

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18 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.
19 Please keep them in mind as you go forth into your
20 community and if ideas pop into your mind please don't
21 forget to reach out and share them.

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23 Okay, anybody else from Fish and Game.

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25 (No comments)

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27 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay,
28 hearing none, then, Katya, do you want to get us up to
29 date on happenings in OSM.

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31 MS. WESSELS: Sure. Thank you, Madame
32 Chair. Members of the Council.

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34 On behalf of OSM, I want to thank all
35 Council members for your exceptional work on behalf of
36 your communities and user groups during these trying
37 times. We value your expertise and the contribution of
38 your knowledge and experience to the regulatory
39 process.

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41 It has been very difficult for all of
42 us dealing with the Covid-19 environment.

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44 So first I would like to touch upon the
45 subject of teleconferences.

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47 We're, as you probably know, holding
48 all 10 winter 2022 Council meetings via teleconference.
49 The DOI guidelines advises that people avoid travel and
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1 refrain from meeting in person to minimize risk and
2 help prevent the spread of Covid-19. OSM received
3 directions from the Department of Interior that no
4 Federal Advisory Committee meetings would be held in
5 person in the fiscal year 2022, and all Regional
6 Advisory Councils are Federal Advisory Committees. The
7 Federal Subsistence Management Program recognizes that
8 in-person meetings are preferable, however, until we
9 can safely do this, safely for all participants, we
10 will follow the current guidelines and hold all
11 meetings via teleconference. We thank you again for
12 being willing to participate in the lengthy
13 teleconference and appreciate your patience as we deal
14 with the various technical issues that arise from the
15 poor telephonic connections, the vast distances
16 involved, and differing communication systems
17 throughout the state of Alaska.

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19 We are very pleased to announce the
20 following OSM Staffing changes that have occurred since
21 your last Council meeting in fall 2021.

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23 So the next subject I will talk about
24 is OSM Staff changes/updates.

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26 We, OSM, are very pleased to announce
27 the following OSM Staff changes that have occurred
28 since your last Council meeting in fall 2021.

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30 Scott Ayers was hired as the OSM
31 Fisheries Division Supervisor in January. Scott worked
32 for three years as a Fisheries Biologist for OSM
33 several years ago before he took a job with the U.S.
34 Fish and Wildlife Service Wildlife and Sport Fish
35 Restoration Program. We welcome Scott back to OSM.

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37 Jarred Stone and Cory Graham have both
38 been promoted with the Fisheries Division, while two
39 additional Fisheries Biologists are being hired right
40 now.

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42 In January, Sherri Gould-Fehrs, OSM
43 Administrative Support Assistant was temporarily
44 promoted to the ARD Secretary position.

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46 Kayla McKinney stepped up to
47 temporarily serve as Subsistence Outreach Coordinator.

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49 In December and January, Liz Williams

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1 and Jason Roberts were hired as OSM Anthropologists.
2 Liz worked for OSM about 12 years ago and is returning.
3 Welcome back Liz.

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5 OSM is pleased to welcome three newly
6 hired Subsistence Council Coordinators, Nissa Bate
7 Pilcher, Leigh Honig, and Brooke McDavid, all with a
8 wealth of knowledge and experience in working with
9 rural users and communities as well as Alaska
10 subsistence issues.

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12 We also had departures at OSM through
13 retirement and new opportunities.

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15 We bid a fond farewell to
16 Administrative Staff Catherine Avery and Ricky Cabugao.

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18 The OSM Team continues to work on
19 rebuilding our capacity and hope to advertise positions
20 in our regulatory and administrative support functions
21 soon.

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23 I just wanted to expand a little bit on
24 the hiring of the Council Coordinators. The
25 Coordinators, though they've been hired, they are not
26 starting until a little bit later in February and once
27 your new Coordinator starts I will introduce your new
28 Coordinator via email and then that person will be in
29 touch with you, you know, just working on the issues.
30 Robbin and I will bring her up to date to all the
31 Council's ongoing issues and all the followups that
32 need to be done after this meeting. But we have great
33 hopes for the newly hired Staff.

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35 So the next subject is DOI and USDA
36 conducting listening sessions on Federal Subsistence
37 Policy. And Gayla already touched upon this but I will
38 just say the U.S. Departments of Interior and
39 Agriculture conducted virtual listening sessions and
40 Tribal consultations on January 10th, 20th, 21st and
41 28th of this year on Federal Subsistence Policy. The
42 Secretaries requested input from Tribes, Tribal
43 consortia, and Alaska Native Organizations and
44 Corporations. The DOI Senior Advisor for Alaska
45 Affairs and Strategic Priorities met with Federal
46 Subsistence Board members prior to the consultations to
47 introduce Board members and Department of Interior
48 leadership and to provide Board members with an update
49 on DOI activities related to subsistence management.
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1 So the next topic is RealID for travel
2 to Council meetings and we've kind of reminded the
3 Council every time during the Council meetings that
4 this is upcoming.

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6 So over the past two plus years we have
7 been reminding Council members about the change in
8 requirements for IDS at airports. Beginning May 3rd,
9 2023, every air traveler will need to present a RealID-
10 complaint driver's license, or other acceptable form of
11 identification, for example, passport, to fly within
12 the United States. This is applicable even when you
13 fly on small Bush carriers. Please note that all
14 Council members will need to make sure that they have
15 the required RealID, whatever it is, Driver's License,
16 RealID style or passport for travel to the fall 2023
17 Council meetings. You don't want to come to the
18 airport to fly to your meeting and not be able to board
19 the airplane.

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21 So the last topic of my report is the
22 lawsuit from the State of Alaska.

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24 As you were previously briefed, on
25 August 10th, 2020 the State of Alaska filed a lawsuit
26 against the Federal Subsistence Board after it adopted
27 Emergency Special Action WSA19-14. This special action
28 allowed the Village of Kake to engage in a community
29 harvest of up to four [sic] bull moose and 10 [sic]
30 male Sitka black-tailed deer. Also included in the
31 lawsuit was temporary special action WSA20-3 which
32 closed Federal public lands in Units 13A and 13B to
33 moose and caribou hunting by non-Federally-qualified
34 users for the 2020-2022 regulatory cycles. As part of
35 the lawsuit the State asked the court to issue two
36 preliminary injunctions. One to prevent the Unit 13
37 closure from taking effect and another vacating the
38 Kake hunt and prohibiting the Board from allowing any
39 additional emergency hunts related to the impacts of
40 Covid19.

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42 On December 3rd, 2021, the U.S.
43 District Court denied the State's request for a
44 declaratory and permanent injunctive relief finding in
45 favor of the Federal Subsistence Board on both matters.

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47 The court found that, first, it lacks
48 jurisdiction over the issues associated with the Kake
49 hunt because that portion of the State's claims are

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1 moot. And, two, the Federal Subsistence Board's
2 decision to close Unit 13 and 13B to non-subsistence
3 was both legally permissible and supported by the
4 information on record. The State recently filed an
5 appeal of the District Court's decision but the Ninth
6 Circuit has not yet set a schedule for briefing.
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8 So this concludes my OSM report to the
9 Council and I would be happy to answer your questions
10 if I have the answers.
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12 Thank you, Madame Chair. Council
13 members.
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15 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, thank
16 you, Katya. Council members, questions or comments for
17 Katya.
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19 MR. TREFON: Hello, this is.....
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21 MR. ANDERSON: Yeah, I have one, this
22 is Norm.
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24 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, go
25 ahead, Norm.
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27 MR. ANDERSON: All right. Earlier my
28 question on financials was misinterpreted. I'm not
29 asking about the entire organization of Subsistence
30 Management, I'm talking about the Bristol Bay regional.
31 As a Council member, I think it's important we see the
32 -- we have it made available to us, the financial if --
33 and I'm just conscious about this because if my name is
34 associated to it I would just like to be aware of these
35 things for accountability purposes. It may not have
36 been done in the past but could it be done in the
37 future.
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39 MS. WESSELS: Madame Chair.
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41 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yep, go
42 ahead, Katya.
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44 MS. WESSELS: Yes, thank you for this
45 question. What specifically are you looking in regards
46 to the Bristol Bay, you're looking for part of the
47 funding that goes to support the Council meetings, is
48 that what you're looking for?
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1 MR. ANDERSON: Basically anything that
2 encompasses the, I guess, it's \$155,000 a year and I
3 know a lot of it will go to rent, printing and et
4 cetera, but whatever you have available that reflects
5 upon Bristol Bay Council and our group here.

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7 MS. WESSELS: Yeah, we are -- annual
8 report -- the Council operating expenses to the
9 National Federal Advisory Committee Act database, so
10 this database is available online. I think it's
11 financial funding parts of the database are also
12 available. I will check and if they are I can send you
13 a link and you would be able to see it there.
14 Otherwise we -- I'm sure we can put something together
15 for the next Council meeting.

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17 MR. ANDERSON: Thank you.

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19 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
20 you, Norm. Billy, did you also have a question or a
21 comment.

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23 MR. TREFON: Yeah. It's kind of
24 something like in the same area where Norm is going at.
25 This is something I've been pondering for awhile. It's
26 got to do with the Council members on the Council here
27 and I was wondering about it. Do we get compensated
28 for these meetings, these teleconference meetings. It
29 seems like I haven't gotten compensated for this
30 meeting or with the ACs. And maybe that could be
31 another reason why nobody's not stepping up because I
32 know we get a small stipend when we travel but it don't
33 seem like we're getting compensated for giving up our
34 time during the day. Because today was one of those
35 days where I would have loved to run away. It was just
36 something I was curious about. I'll still stay on the
37 Council, doesn't matter, I mean I'm really enjoying the
38 Council, it was just something I was wondering about.

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40 MS. WESSELS: Yeah, I can answer your
41 questions with the Chair's permission.

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43 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: By all
44 means.

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46 MS. WESSELS: Thank you. You know the
47 Council members only get compensated per diem during
48 their travel. When the Council meetings are held via
49 teleconference, because you do not travel, you do not
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1 leave your area of residence, you do not receive the
2 per diem. How it works, you know, when the Council
3 meetings were held in person we were funding your
4 travel and you were receiving the per diem for all the
5 days associated with the meetings and with your travel.
6 Since Council members, you know, they're not employees
7 of the Federal government, they would not receive any
8 type of salary or stipend during the Council meetings.
9 And, you know, I can -- also for the fall meeting, I
10 can pull together all the information that we have,
11 like Federal Advisory Committee Act specifically talks
12 on that matter but I don't have this in front of me so
13 I don't want to misspeak exactly on the language but I
14 can definitely provide it to the Council during the
15 fall meeting.

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17 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.

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19 MR. TREFON: Okay, I guess that pretty
20 much answers my question there. Yeah, just a
21 suggestion, I mean maybe a meeting fee like the village
22 council or the city council do in the communities, to
23 keep people interested.

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25 Thank you.

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27 MS. WESSELS: You're welcome.

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29 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: The
30 motivational factor. Any other questions or comments
31 for Katya.

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33 MS. HOSETH: Madame Chair, this is
34 Gayla, if I may ask a question.

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36 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: You may,
37 please go ahead.

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39 MS. HOSETH: Thank you. Katya, I just
40 wanted to know what were you saying about passports,
41 requiring for travel?

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43 MS. WESSELS: Okay. So this is the
44 RealID Act and the requirement is that the current, the
45 updated due date is May 3rd, 2023. When any of the
46 travelers, no matter if it's a Council member or not,
47 any traveler in the United States boards an airplane
48 they will have to show either their driver's license,
49 which is in the format of RealID, which means you need
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1 to get an updated driver's license. Or if you have a
2 passport, that can serve as another document which is
3 considered to be a RealID. And, you know, what we
4 don't want to happen when the fall meetings of 2023
5 come and we have, you know, Council members traveling
6 to the meetings and they don't have this RealID and
7 they cannot board the plane when they travel to the
8 Council meeting. But it takes time. Like, one, is to
9 apply for either the RealID driver's license or a
10 passport, because it takes time, quite a bit of time so
11 that needs to be thought of well in advance of 2023.

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13 MS. HOSETH: Okay. Through the Chair,
14 thank you. And I just would like to reiterate, Billy's
15 comments there, I think that, you know, looking at the
16 budget I think that there should be a stipend paid for
17 Council members serving on this Council.

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19 Thank you.

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21 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
22 you, Gayla. Any other comments or questions.

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24 MR. ANDERSON: Could that be an agenda
25 item for the next meeting, meeting stipend?

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27 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: It can be
28 and that's going to be the next thing I request from
29 the Council, is agenda items for the next meeting so
30 let's go ahead and get them. If anybody else does
31 still have questions Katya would be available for that.

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33 MR. TREFON: This is Billy, I got one
34 more about the comment about the passport or ID.

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36 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead.

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38 MR. TREFON: I fight wildland fires and
39 I travel down Lower 48 a lot and I was told that I have
40 to get the passport because I'm traveling over the
41 International Date Line when I fly down south, does
42 that apply to the agencies up here?

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44 MS. WESSELS: Madame Chair.

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46 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead.

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48 MS. WESSELS: Well, if you are -- you
49 know, if you're traveling abroad you need a passport.

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1 If you're traveling from Alaska to the United States
2 right now you don't need a passport to board the
3 airplane, you can just use your driver's license or any
4 other form of identification that's accepted at the
5 airport now. It's just the rules will change in May of
6 2023. And I can provide more detailed information to
7 the Council and Council members, and what they need to
8 do in order to get that RealID compliant driver's
9 license, or a passport. You know there is information,
10 all kind of documents you will need to provide in order
11 to receive that. And, you know, the RealID compliant
12 driver's license can be received at the Department of
13 Motor Vehicles office and there is -- I don't know, do
14 you have one in Dillingham, I'm not familiar with that.

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16 MR. ANDERSON: Sort of.

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18 MS. WESSELS: Well, I can find where,
19 in Alaska, these RealID compliant driver license can be
20 received. And, you know, passport, I think you can
21 apply online if I'm not mistaken but you also need to
22 fill out the form, you need to have the photo taken and
23 send it and I think now it takes up to six months to
24 receive a new passport if you never had one.

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26 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, quick comment,
27 Billy. Reminds me of when I was a little kid and we
28 would land, flying from Anchorage to Seattle, we'd land
29 at Annette Island and so then we'd have to go through
30 customs. You might be old enough to remember that too.
31 Hopefully we haven't gone back to that. So thank you
32 Katya for explaining it, I still don't understand why
33 we need a passport to go to Clark's Point but another
34 one of these rules.

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36 So, thank you.

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38 MS. WESSELS: You're welcome.

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40 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Billy, did
41 you have any more comments or questions.

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43 MR. TREFON: No, that answered it
44 pretty much. That was something that State Forestry
45 had -- when it first came up they were saying there was
46 going to be a passport just because of the fact they
47 were flying over an International Date Line, or
48 international lines -- Canada.

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1 (Laughter)

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3 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yep, go
4 ahead.

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6 MR. TREFON: I'm good.

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8 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. So
9 then next up I want to just open the floor to anybody
10 who wants to throw out ideas and suggestions for our
11 agenda for our fall meeting.

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13 MR. TREFON: What was the issue about
14 them being too close together, the fall meeting and
15 winter meeting?

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17 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, we're
18 going to -- we'll pick our meeting date here shortly
19 and I can explain that again at that point. But first
20 lets try and get some agenda items put together, and I
21 don't think -- I don't know if, Robbin, if you're
22 taking notes on this do you want us to list the
23 agencies again, or can we go off of the report that you
24 already have that you weren't able to get put together
25 for this meeting, can we just have those automatically
26 moved on to this fall's meeting.

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28 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair, this is
29 Robbin. I have already a bulleted item under agenda
30 items for next meeting. That item is Bering Sea
31 bycatch and I have noted to invite representatives of
32 the North Pacific Marine Fisheries Management Council,
33 the At-Sea Processors Association and the Alaska
34 Seafood Cooperative to support this agenda item.

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36 I also have an agenda item for meeting
37 stipend.

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39 And I'm wondering if there's anything
40 I've missed or anything you'd like to add.

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42 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Exactly.
43 Anybody else have anything on their radar that they
44 would like to make sure we revisit this fall.

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46 MR. DUNAWAY: Well.....

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48 MS. HOSETH: Madame Chair, this is
49 Gayla, after your Council speaks I have some things if
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1 they don't catch them.

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3 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Go
4 ahead, Council member, I'm not sure who was about to
5 say something.

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7 MR. DUNAWAY: Dan here.

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9 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Dan, go
10 ahead.

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12 MR. DUNAWAY: Okay. Well, it may be
13 nice to get an update on the situation, say, with this
14 trapping bill and, of course, followup with possibly
15 this whole positioning thing and see where we're headed
16 at that point. You know that's the couple things I
17 could think of off the top of my head. Stuff will
18 probably crop up like it usually does as the season
19 progresses.

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21 Thank you.

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23 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Those
24 are two good catches. Anybody else.

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26 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair, this is
27 Robbin.

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29 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
30 Robbin.

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32 MS. LAVINE: I know I'm putting a big
33 target on myself and my new colleague who hasn't even
34 begun yet, but if you're interested in revisiting the
35 proposed language on the positioning of animals,
36 potentially statewide identification -- you know a
37 statewide defining of what it means to position, or
38 even just to review and reassess Wildlife Proposal 22-
39 40, as it is now going before the Board, we -- we may
40 want to have another working group meet prior to the
41 next -- the fall meeting. I know that's -- I'm saying
42 it and I'm kind of wincing because that will be a lot
43 of work and people will have to volunteer. And, again,
44 I would remind you that we can form working groups.
45 Working groups are made up of volunteers from the
46 Councils and agency -- other agency representatives.
47 When we do have a working group you can provide notice
48 to the public and the public can testify at the working
49 group if you so require.

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1 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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3 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. What
4 are the wishes of the Council.

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6 MR. DUNAWAY: Madame Chair, Dan here.
7 I'll just plunge ahead. Since I'm already in kind of a
8 working group for the State on this, I guess I'd like
9 to just reserve any comment on another one just to see
10 what develops through the Board of Game here in March
11 and what our subcommittee right here in Dillingham
12 comes up with. I mean we can just report back. Okay.

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14 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, we had
15 a small working group to begin with anyway. Did we --
16 is it automatically disbanded Robbin, or can we just
17 use that same working group again and we can send
18 notices out and emails out to each other if we feel the
19 need to get together again.

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21 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair, that sounds
22 like a wonderful idea. It sounds like a number of your
23 members will stay up to date on this issue and if those
24 original members of our working group, I think
25 including you and Dan Dunaway, feel it's necessary you
26 can reach out to me and our new Council Coordinator to
27 regroup and we have a list of all the people who did
28 attend our former working group sessions.

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30 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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32 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
33 you. Does that satisfy the Council for now.

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35 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, I'm fine.

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37 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, let's
38 move forward then with that plan in mind and working
39 off of that and we'll see what the future holds. Any
40 other things that Council members can think of.

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42 (No comments)

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44 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, Gayla,
45 did you have some additional items that you'd want us
46 to consider.

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48 MS. HOSETH: Thank you, Madame Chair. I
49 think that it would be good to get a report back of the

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1 Chignik fish at the fall meeting when we meet in
2 October. They might be going into possibly year four,
3 and that's a really big concern with the life cycle of
4 the salmon. So coming back and following up with
5 Chignik fisheries I think would be good.

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7 You have on here the letters H and I,
8 your public testimony protocol to be brought back for
9 input on that, and then also the Council comments on
10 proposed actions for automated Federal subsistence
11 permits.

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13 So those are the three things that I
14 could think of.

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16 Thank you.

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18 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.
19 That's helpful and I could be errantly making the
20 mistake that those are automatically going to be
21 included because of their very nature and our need for
22 review. But I think probably putting them on there
23 verbally is a better idea so thank you for that.

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25 Anything else anybody can think of, if
26 not we'll move on to picking our dates.

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28 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Madame Chair,
29 this is Robbin LaVine. So if you look in your meeting
30 materials under Tab 9 you will see our fall 2022
31 meeting date and location.

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33 First, we need to confirm the fall 2022
34 meeting date and location. Right now it's scheduled
35 for November 1st and 2nd and if we were to hold it in
36 person it would be scheduled for Dillingham.

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38 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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40 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Does
41 that still suit everybody's schedule alright.

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43 (No comments)

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45 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: I know a lot
46 of us wear a lot of hats and we heard last night that
47 the AC -- or the statewide fisheries is supposedly
48 going to be held the end of November, first of
49 December, so we should not be in conflict with them for

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1 those dates.

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3 MR. TREFON: Yeah, this is Billy here.
4 For November 1st and 2nd.

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6 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: That's
7 correct, that's what we've got now.

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9 MR. TREFON: That probably will work
10 for me but I'm -- the only thing I got coming up in
11 November is usually the tribal annual meeting, it's
12 usually the first week of November -- first weekend.

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14 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: So we'll
15 keep you safe from that then, we should have you home
16 by the weekend.

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18 MR. TREFON: Yes.

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20 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.

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22 MR. DUNAWAY: That's good for me. It
23 seems like I'd prefer to do it that time of year.

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25 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. It
26 works for me.

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28 MR. WILSON: I have a scheduled.....

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30 MS. LAVINE: So unless anyone.....

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32 MR. WILSON:corporation meeting
33 on the first Tuesday of every month.

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35 MS. LAVINE: Humm.

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37 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Should we
38 shift it to the 2nd and 3rd then?

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40 MR. WILSON: That would help.

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42 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, does
43 anybody have a problem with moving it to November 2nd
44 and 3rd.

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46 (No comments)

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48 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. If we
49 don't have a problem with that then let's go ahead and

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1 change those dates to the 2nd and 3rd then.

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3 Now, this is where the rest of it comes
4 in is the problem that we are causing for them is we
5 are always the last, which obviously we will be again,
6 the last fall meeting, and then we become the first
7 spring meeting. So if we're going to have the late
8 fall dates, which I believe are the best for our region
9 with our seasons the way they are, then we need to
10 choose a later date in the spring, as in not the first
11 part of February but the end of February or March date.
12 Is that correct ladies?

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14 MS. WESSELS: Madame Chair, this
15 is.....

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17 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair, this.....

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19 MS. WESSELS:Katya.

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21 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
22 Katya.

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24 MS. WESSELS: Yes. Currently the open
25 window for the Council meetings is February 21st
26 through April 7th of 2023.

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28 MS. LAVINE: And, Madame Chair, this is
29 Robbin.

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31 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
32 Robbin.

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34 MS. LAVINE: I would note that while it
35 is a scramble for us it has often, also, that short
36 turnaround, has also resulted in smaller Council books,
37 last minute reports and meeting materials are submitted
38 and so just giving a little bit more time between your
39 fall meeting and your winter meeting means that all of
40 these things come together more cohesively and so I
41 would recommend that, again, that that's another reason
42 to push out your winter meeting date.

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44 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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46 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.

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48 MS. LAVINE: And, again -- and,
49 finally, also as Katya noted, we did push back the

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1 window period for Council meetings to begin February
2 21st and end -- and it's open through April 7th and you
3 have a wide open window. You are the very first
4 Council to choose a meeting date.

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6 Thank you, Madame Chair.

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8 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes,
9 absolutely. Does anyone want to put a date out there
10 that'll work for them.

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12 MR. TREFON: Did I hear Katerina say
13 April because I think that would be perfect, that'd
14 almost be six months apart. And that's break up and
15 nobody's doing anything.

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17 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yes, I've
18 got a fishery that goes on until the 9th of April
19 though.

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21 MS. WESSELS: Madame Chair, this is
22 Katya.

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24 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead.

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26 MS. WESSELS: So you can look in your
27 meeting materials and there is a calendar that shows
28 the open window, February 21st through April 7th.

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30 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yeah, you
31 guys, I think you're all there, Tab 10.

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33 MR. ANDERSON: I was wondering.....

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35 MR. DUNAWAY: So can we.....

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37 MR. TREFON: Is there.....

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39 MR. DUNAWAY: Can we decide.....

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41 REPORTER: Okay, so hang on, hang on.
42 I need just one person at a time, please.

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44 MR. TREFON: I'm good with April 7th.

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46 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Billy would
47 like April 7th, anybody else.

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49 MR. DUNAWAY: I was looking at -- this
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1 is Dan. I was looking at like March 14/15 or something
2 in there. I don't know when Beaver Round-Up's going to
3 be. I think it's a little later this year. Sometimes
4 that's been a problem with having a venue, and I'm
5 hoping and praying we're meeting face to face by then.
6 But I'm kind of open -- I kind of like March better
7 than getting too far into April though. Okay.

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9 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. So
10 Dan's suggesting mid.....

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12 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair.

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14 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON:March.
15 Richard I know that you have some date restrictions,
16 what might work for you best?

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18 MR. ANDERSON: Well, when.....

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20 MS. LAVINE: Madame Chair, this is
21 Robbin.

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23 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead.

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25 MS. LAVINE: I did hear that you have a
26 fishery until April 9th, when does that begin, you
27 know, so when are you -- when are you unavailable at
28 the end of this window period. Thank you.

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30 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: So I'm
31 typically unavailable from right around -- probably
32 it'll be March 24th next year, that Friday until April
33 9th.

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35 MS. LAVINE: Hum.

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37 MR. WILSON: Madame Chair, Richard.

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39 MS. LAVINE: Thank you, Madame Chair.

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41 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Yep, go
42 ahead, Richard.

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44 MR. WILSON: Like I said before, the
45 first Tuesday of every month is no good for me, so the
46 second Tuesday, the March 14th or the 21st, either of
47 those two weeks would work for me, or later -- on like
48 March 8th would even work. Anything, just stay away
49 from the first Tuesday of the month.

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1 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.

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3 MR. WILSON: And the last Wednesday of
4 the month because I have another meeting on the last
5 Wednesday of the month.

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7 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: So no 29th
8 and no March (cuts out).....

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10 MR. TREFON: Madame Chair, this is
11 Billy.

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13 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Go ahead,
14 Billy.

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16 MR. TREFON: Looking at the calendar
17 here, that last week of March is not going to work for
18 me, from the 26th to the 31st because that's when we
19 have the BBNA's full Board meeting.

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21 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. So
22 then Dan your dates are starting to look pretty good.
23 How does March 14 and 15 sound to everybody.

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25 MR. TREFON: That'll work for me.

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27 MR. WILSON: Rich Wilson, I agree.

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29 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay. Let's
30 grab those then, they seem to work for everybody.
31 Well, it'd be a couple weeks shy of exactly six months.

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33 Okay, thank you everybody, with that
34 closing comments. Any closing comments from anybody,
35 from our Board members.

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37 MR. ANDERSON: Madame Chair, this is
38 Norm. Just out of curiosity, Robbin, will you just
39 send out the pages next time rather than a full binder?

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41 MS. LAVINE: Thank you. Through the
42 Chair. We really do hope that we will be able to send
43 you a full bound book of our meeting materials and that
44 we'll have time to do that. So we'll send out all of
45 the meeting materials. There's often a last minute
46 submission of reports that we will send to you. If we
47 meet in person there are often people that present
48 their reports as PowerPoints to you in person.

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1 MR. ANDERSON: Yeah.

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3 MS. LAVINE: So most of our materials,
4 we hope, will be bound in a book. Thank you, Madame
5 Chair.

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7 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.

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9 MR. ANDERSON: Yeah, I was just trying
10 to avoid having a pile of binders here, you know, when
11 we can just add the pages into the binder over time.

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13 MS. LAVINE: Hum.

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15 MR. ANDERSON: But just trying to save
16 money so we got a -- me and Billy have a bigger meeting
17 stipend, you know.

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19 (Laughter)

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21 MR. ANDERSON: All right, thank you.

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23 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay, thank
24 you. Any other Council member comments before we
25 adjourn.

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27 MR. DUNAWAY: Yeah, I just want to
28 thank everybody and the diligence and we got 'er done
29 in a day. I, again, want to welcome Norman. He's a
30 good man to have on board. Also, Norman, if you have
31 questions or anything that I can help out with, since
32 we're in the same town, give me a holler or text me at
33 the Post Office or come over for coffee even. Because,
34 yes, it's hard to get up to speed. There were times in
35 the past when they had kind of orientation for new
36 folks but here, again, with all these travel
37 restrictions it's been harder to do. So anyway thank
38 you very much everybody.

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40 MR. ANDERSON: Well, just a comment
41 back on that. We established that we follow Robert's
42 Rules of Order and as Council members, we're only
43 Council members from gavel to gavel so to avoid
44 incidences I've always honored that for accountability
45 purposes. But, thank you.

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47 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Okay.
48 Anybody else.

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1 MR. TREFON: Nope. It was a very good
2 meeting and hopefully we'll get to see each other all
3 face to face real soon. Good meeting. I'm getting
4 hungry.

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6 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you,
7 Billy. I am too.

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9 (Laughter)

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11 MADAME CHAIR MORRIS LYON: Thank you
12 for participating and being here and sharing your
13 knowledge and expertise in your field. Norm, I, as
14 well, echo another welcome again to the Board. I look
15 forward to working with you in the coming years and
16 having your expertise on the Board as well.

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18 And, with that, everybody try and stay
19 warm, stay safe and I just hope we'll all be together
20 again for sure, well, hopefully, safe to say come fall
21 but until then let's take care guys and I'll call this
22 meeting adjourned at 5:47.

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24 Thank you.

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26 (Off record)

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28 (END OF PROCEEDINGS)

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